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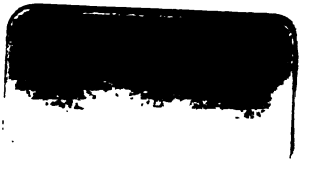

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MAY 3, 1830 TO JULY 26, 1830

[1] In Common Council May 3d 1830

Present The Honbl Walter Bowne Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|
| Peter J Nevius | James I Roosevelt Jr |
| William W Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| George D Strong | Henry Arcularius |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M Brown | Joseph W Beadle |
| James N Wells | John Rogers |
| Bernard J Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| David Marsh | Fyler Dibblee |
| Gideon Lee | Peter Cooper |
| James Palmer | John Lovett |
| Thomas T Woodruff | Philip W Engs |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The President stated that the unfinished business of last Meeting Vizt "The Report on the subject of the Commutation of Alien Passengers" [2] which was under consideration when the Board adjourned was the first to be acted on. A Motion was made to postpone the consideration which was agreed to.

The Mayor presented Certified Copies of the following Laws passed at the last Session of the Legislature Vizt—An Act in addition to the Act respecting the Election of Charter Officers passed April 19. 1830 which was referred to the Law Committee. An Act to amend the Acts heretofore passed for the prevention of Fires

An Act to amend the 3d Article of the 2d Title of the 14th Chapter of the first part of the Revised Statutes which was referred to the Board of Health

An Act for the better regulation of the Wharves Piers & Slips in the City of New York passed 16 April 1830 which was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

An Act to amend an Act passed 6th April 1825 entitled an Act respecting the Collection of Taxes in the City of New York passed 20th April 1830—The above Laws were directed to be filed and to be printed for the use of the Members

**A Petition of Magdalena Bell widow of James L Bell late Sheriff of the City and County for her right of Dower in Blackwells Island or some compensation therefor was read and [3] referred to the Counsel.**

**A Petition of Cyrus Beadel for the Office of Clerk of the Assistant** Justice 5th & 8th Wards Court was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petiton of Abraham R Pattison and also of Peter D Demarest to be relieved from the payment of personal Tax they belonging to the Artillery and of Robert Elwell to be relieved from the payment of personal Tax were severally read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Communication from Henry Storms Inspector of Hackney Coaches suggesting certain alterations in the Law relative to Hackney Coaches was read and referred to the Law & Police Committees.

A Petition of John Gilmore to be relieved from the payment of a Fine for neglecting to clean his Side walks of Snow—Of the Executors of Richard Harison to be relieved from the payment of a fine for interring the body of the said Richard Harison in his Vault in Trinity Church—Also of Peter Hughes to be relieved from prison on a fine for selling Liquor without Licence were read and referred to the Police Committee.

[4] A Remonstrance of William Lewis & Thomas Hamersly against altering the name of Hamersly street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of the Manhattan Gas light Company praying that the Contract made by the City with the New York Gas light Company may be annulled and the use of the Streets be granted to the Petitioners was read and referred to the Law Committee

A Petition of John Bartine to be appointed a Measurer or Weigher of Coal &c which was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of William Hill for Stall N° 16 Catharine Market—Of Morton Fairchild to transfer Stall N° 29 Clinton Market to John Van Buskirk—of John P Barker for Stall N° 9 Greenwich Market—of James Hartell & Mathew Chase for exchange of Stalls in Washington Market—Of Joshua S Place and Benjamin Ward for exchange of Stalls in Grand street Market—were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of James Hall and [5] William B Skidmore executor of the Estate of Samuel Norsworthy for a Gore of Land left by the

opening of Ann street—Of James Langley for a reduction of ground Rent on premises 57 Chatham street—Of John Wood Jr to purchase a Gore of Land on Ann street, of Hugh Maxwell to purchase a Gore of Land on Cedar street—Of David V Smith for a Gore of ground at the corner of Bowery and fourteenth Street were severally read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Holmes Hawley & Co & others praying the Common Council would agreeably to the power vested in them by Law pay for and take the East side of India Wharf for public use was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial was presented from Eldad Holmes as Chairman of a Meeting of a large number of Grocers of the City stating their objection to the Law of the State of the Session of 1829 imposing an additional Tax of $1.5$\frac{5}{100}$ on each Grocer to be applied to the use of the House of Refuge. That they believe the Law unconstitutional and they wish it may be tested in some amicable manner—Alderman Strong presented a Resolution directing the Commissioners of Excise to receive Ten Dollars for each Tavren and Excise Licence presented, and that an amicable suit be instituted to [6] determine the legality of the additional Tax of $1.5$\frac{5}{100}$ this being read was laid on the Table—Alderman Strong presented a further Resolution directing the Commissioners of Excise to retain the Tax of $1,5$\frac{5}{100}$ until a legal decision be had on the constitutionality of the Law—Mr Roosevelt offered a Resolution to refer the the Memorial to the Law Committee and Counsel with powers—Alderman Stevens then presented the following Resolution and the question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board appear on behalf of the Corporation before the Supreme Court and offer every facility to obtain the opinion of the Court as to the Constitutional question growing out of the Law relating to the $1.50 last year collected for the House of Refuge and that it is the opinion of the Board that the Commissioners of Excise in the mean time demand the $1,5$\frac{5}{100}$ and retain the same for a reasonable time for the decision of the Court.

A Petition of George Lorillard to have the sewer in Centre street extended from Walker to Leonard street was read and referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of John S Crane & others for a Well & Pump corner of 4th & Mercer streets was [7] read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of J Staples and others to pave the 8th Avenue between 13th & 21st Streets was read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of the Northern Dispensary for their Annual Donation of Two hundred Dollars, and Also of the New York Dispensary for their annual Donation of Six hundred Dollars for general vaccination were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial of Alfred S Pell against filling the Block of Ground between Avenue D 4th 5th and Lewis streets with earth was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William Frazee and others stating that in 1828 an Ordinance was presented by the City Inspector and passed directing the owner or owners of Cow Stables situated in Mercer street between Amity and Fourth street at their expence to cause the filth and fluids from said Stables to be passed from the same through Mercer street &c that in consequence of the passage of the same it causes a very great nuisance to the neighborhood and praying [8] the said Ordinance may be repealed, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of N C Hart and others praying that a Pond of Stagnant Water near 21st Street between Bloomingdale Road & 6th Avenue may be drawn off or filled in, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Bache McEvers & others praying to have a Well dug and pump placed therein at or near the corner of William and Cedar Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the first Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Obadiah Lawrence to be appointed a Lamp lighter was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Soley to be relieved from the payment of personal Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen, the Resignations were accepted and appointments made.—Vizt

[9] Fire Engine Co

No 3

Cornelius Ryder Wheelwright Houston St to fill the Company.

No 4

James N Van Antwerp Merchant Water street

Vc Ira Perego—Time Expired

George Gordon—Accountant Water street

Vc John M Cooper Time Expired

N° 5

John Rodman Accountant 6 Spruce S[t]

V[c] Benjamin Varick—Resigned

N° 12

Samuel A Miller—Accountant 10 Cherry S[t]

V[c] Duncan P Campbell Resigned

N° 16

Richard H Pennoyer Shoe Merchant 361 Pearl S[t]
Annanias Jackson Grate Maker 171 Chrystie S[t] } to fill the Company
Thomas Crowell House Carpenter 438 Pearl S[t]

N° 37

John H Klink Butcher 76 Orchard S[t]

V[c] Arnest Fink Jun[r] Resigned

[10] The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for Correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

*The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for Correcting Nuisances Viz[t]*

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| N° 1 | Samuel Thompson | owner | 53 | Vestry S[t] | A privy |
| 2. | Isaac Lawrence | " | 62 | Canal S[t] | D° |
| 3. | Silvanus Miller | " | 43 | Cherry S[t] | D° |
| 4. | Sam[el] L Mitchell | " | 41 | do | D° |
| 5. | Mary Ann Coster | " | 26 | Madison S[t] | D° |
| 6. | W[m] G Ely - | " | 218 | Hudson S[t] | D° |
| 7. | Samuel Martin | " | 24 | Rivington S[t] | D° |
| 8. | Peter Aymar | " | 126 | Nassau | D° |
| 9. | Luke Marley | Lessee | 38 | Elm S[t] | D° |
| 10. | Strong & Ballagh | owners | 16 | Cherry S[t] | D° |
| 11. | Peter Morris & wife | | 507 | Pearl S[t] | D° |
| 12. | Isaac Morris | | 49 | Canal | D° |
| 13. | Catharine Ottingnon | | 57 | Pearl S[t] | D° |
| 14. | Thomas Martin | | 29 | Cherry | D° |
| 15. | David P Hall owner plot of Ground fronting on Fourth & 5[th] S[t] | | | | Lots |
| 16. | D° fronting on East side Avenue D | | | | " |
| 17. | John Slidell or Traders Ins C° | owners | D° | | " |
| 18. | John J Suffield | owner | 5[th] Street Southerly | | " |
| 19 | D° | D° | Avenue D Easterly | | " |
| 20. | [11] Thomas Beilby | " | 5[th] S[t] Southerly | | " |
| 21. | Jane Sherwood | " | Avenue D cor 5[th] S[t] | | D° |
| 22. | Alfred S Pell | " | Lewis & Sixth | | Plot |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 23. | Peter Polhemus | owner | | Cor Sixth St | Lot |
| 24 | Wm McLaughlin | " | | Henry St North side | " |
| 25 | Alfred S Pell | " | | Christopher St Southerly Sd | Lots |
| 26. | John Lambert | Lessee | 31 | Willet St Westerly | Lot |
| 27. | Maturin Livingston | owner | | Stanton Ridge & Attorney St | Lots |
| 28. | Robert Gracie | " | | Dover St west side | Lot |

I Warren
City Inspector

Which were passed.

The Counsel presented a Report recommending an application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners for opening 6th Street in the place of Messrs Thomas R Smith, John Slidell & Cary Dunn who have resigned the same, as there was not in their opinion property sufficient to assess for the damage in opening having been read was referred to the Street Committee.

A Report was received from the Attorney (Lemuel Smith Esqr) stating that a suit had been commenced in September last against George Milne a Merchant of this City for a breach of the Law for not bonding Passengers and Mr Milne being an Alien [12] has removed the Suit from the Supreme Court to the Circuit Court of the United States—The object of the defence is to try the constitutionality of the State Law on that subject—The Attorney considering it a question of much importance, thought it his duty thus to bring it before the Common Council.

Whereupon the same was referred to the Law Committee with authority to act in employing further Counsel if deemed necessary.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Returns of Delinquents on Assessments which were read—Whereupon Warrants were directed to issue to the Collector thereof Viz

For paving Greenwich street from Bank street to the Kill Road—Also for a Well & Pump in Montgomery street near Harman street, Warrant to issue to John Hanmer the Collector thereof

For a Well & Pump near the intersection of Lewis and Rivington streets—Warrant to issue to Jameson Cox the Collector thereof.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment For a Well & Pump in Amity street between Mercer and Green street which was confirmed and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector thereof.

[13] The Committee on Lands & Places presented the following Report on the subject of the Keeping of the Public grounds and proposing to discharge the present Keepers, and place the grounds under the charge of the Committee on Lands and places.

The Committee on Lands and Places respectfully beg leave to Report.

That under the present Ordinances of the Common Council relative thereto, they find it impracticable properly to regulate and keep in good order the several public places under their charge, and from the fact of the Keepers not enforcing the present Laws the public are without the benefit that might be realized from them even as they now are.

The expences of the Keepers are as follows.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr Gilman at the | Battery | $456.25 |
| Mr McCready | Park | 456.25 |
| Mr Osborn | Washington Square | 273.75 |
| Mr Ferry for general Superintendence $1 pr Diem | | 365. |
| | making | $1551.25 |

which may be considered in fact the expence of superintendance alone as the labour hire annually required on those places is paid for beyond this.

Your Committee are of opinion that if they were authorised to employ a man at each of those places, who would work as well as Superintend that the effect would be a saving to the Public of [14] *of* at least Two thousand dollars per Annum—And in conclusion offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Office of Keeper of the Battery, Bowling Green, Park and Washington Square as at present constituted, be abolished and that the said Public Grounds be and the same are hereby placed under the charge of the Committee on Lands and places with authority to employ such persons as they may deem proper.

James N Wells
James I Roosevelt Jr
Wm Mandeville
William W Mott

A Motion was made to lay the same on the Table which was lost. The Question was then taken on adopting the Report and a Division having been called by Mr Engs the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Mott Stevens I Brown Seaman B M Brown Wells [15] Meserole Marsh Lee Palmer Mr Roosevelt Seymour Mandeville Bryson Arcularius Scott Beadel Jeremiah Dibblee Cooper Lovett 23

In the Negative Ald Strong Woodruff Mr Engs 3

So the Report was approved and the Resolution adopted. Mr Engs gave notice of Reconsideration next Meeting.

The Law Committee present a Report accompanied with the draft of an Ordinance for the preservation of the Public Grounds &c which was read, Laid on the Table, and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Law Committee to whom was [16] referred the Memorials of several persons Owners of private Vaults in the City praying for a repeal of the Law relative to Interments presented a Report together with a Law, which was read Laid on the Table, and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas C Taylor for the purchase of a Gore of Land [on] 14th Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the application of Thomas C Taylor for the purchase of a Gore of Land on the North side of Fourteenth street

Respectfully Report

That the said Gore became the property of the Corporation by the proceedings for opening Fourteenth street and adjoins the land of the Petitioner.

The Committee are of opinion that the said Gore should be sold to him, and having inquired as to the value thereof they consider that the sum of Thirty Dollars is a fair price for the same. They offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel to the Board prepare a Deed for the said Gore from the Corporation to the said Thomas C Taylor he paying therefor the [17] sum of Thirty Dollars besides the expences of the Deed; and that the same be authenticated during the recess of the Board.

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
Benjamin M Brown
William W Mott
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Jacob Astor for the purchase of a Gore of Land on 14th Street near 8th Avenue presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the application of John J Astor in relation to a Gore of ground on 14th Street near the 8th Avenue beg leave to Report. That in the opening of Fourteenth

street a Gore of Land on the Southerly side thereof adjoining the Land of the Petitioner, being Twenty three feet six inches on 14th Street, eleven feet four inches on the one side, and twenty feet seven inches on the other side, was awarded to the Corporation for the sum of One hundred and Seventy one dollars and which was paid on the first day of February last.

As it has been the practice of the Common [18] Council to dispose of the Gores awarded to them in the opening of Streets, to the owners of the adjoining lands, Your Committee are of opinion that it would be proper to do so in this case, and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Gore of ground on the Southerly side of 14th Street awarded to the Corporation in the opening of said street, and which is adjoining Land of John Jacob Astor be sold to him for the sum of One hundred and seventy one dollars, and interest from the first day of February last, and expences of the conveyance, and that the Counsel to this Board be directed to prepare the proper Deed therefor, the same to be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board

Respectfully submitted

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
Benjamin M Brown
William W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Isaac Chauncey for the purchase of a Gore of Land on 86th Street near his premises presented the following Report in favor of the same

[19] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the application of Commodore Isaac Chauncey for the purchase of a Gore adjoining his property in the 12th Ward Respectfully Report

That the said Gore is a very small strip of Land formerly part of an Old Road which has been closed and now lying between 86th Street as the same has been recently opened, and the property of the Petitioner.

The Committee under all circumstances and having consulted the Street Commissioner, as to the value of the said Gore, are of opinion that it should be sold to Commodore C[h]auncey for the sum of Twenty five dollars and the expences of the Deed.

They offer the following Resolution therefore

Resolved that the Counsel to the Board prepare a Deed for the said Gore of Land from the Corporation to Commodore Isaac Chauncey, on his paying therefor the sum of Twenty five Dollars besides the expences of the Deed, and that the same be authenticated during the recess of the Board.

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
Benjamin M Brown
William W Mott
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

[20] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Horatio Tucker to have money refunded to him with Interest which he paid for certain Lots sold for Taxes in 1825 presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Horatio Tucker praying to have money refunded to him with interest which he paid for certain Lots sold for Taxes in the year 1825

Respectfully Report

That they have enquired into the facts and find that at a Sale of Lands and tenements for Taxes which took place on the 28 December 1825, Mr Tucker purchased Four Lots of ground which were assessed as belonging to C H Hammond for one year the same having been sold to pay the taxes due thereon for the year 1823 amounting with interest and charges of Sale to $33.21 and being subject also at the time of such sale to the taxes for the year 1824 amounting to $10.26 making in all $43.47 which Mr Tucker paid It is alledged by Mr Tucker that there was a mistake in the Sale inasmuch as the said Lots were described as being in Hammond street, when in fact only two of them fronted on that Street, the other two however being immediately in the rear and adjoining. The Committee have ascertained that Mr Tucker was not misled or prejudiced by any such Mistake [21] as he found the whole four Lots, and actually made a bargain with a person to pay him rent for the same, And it is only, as the Committee believe because such rent was not paid, and Mr Tuckers Lease expired that he conceived the Idea of applying to the Corporation to refund the money which he had paid. The Committee think that this application cannot be sustained upon any ground, for even if Mr Tucker had been misled by any wrong description or other

mistake at the Sale they conceive that he waived all claim, on any such account by accepting the Lease. The Corporation moreover Warrant nothing in making sales of this nature, and the Committee are of opinion that they are in no respect liable for any such mistake as is alledged to have occurred in this instance.

They beg leave therefore to submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant any relief upon the said Petition.

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Editors of the Evening [22] Journal and Journal of Commerce to publish for the Corporation presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of the Editors and proprietors of the News papers called the Journal of Commerce and the Evening Journal praying that the said papers may be employed to publish for the Corporation.

Respectfully Report.

That the subject of employing Daily News papers to publish for the Corporation was before the Board on a former occasion, upon the Report of the Finance Committee relative to an application made by Charles N Baldwin Editor of the Morning Chronicle and in that Report, which was adopted January 28th 1828, it was considered that the number of Daily papers then published were more than sufficient to give publicity to the Corporation Advertisements, and it was deemed inexpedient to increase the number then employed. In consequence of which Report a Resolution was passed that no News paper which was not printed and published in this City prior to the first day of May 1827 should be employed by the Corporation, or be authorized to print the Corporation advertisements unless a Resolution should be previously passed in relation to such paper.

There are now Eight Daily papers em- [23] ployed by the Corporation at the rate of $100 per Annum for each, and the Committee are of opinion that the said number is quite sufficient to give the necessary publicity to the Corporation notice and Ordinances, and that it would not be advisable to incur any additional expence for such purpose.

They beg leave therefore to offer the following Resolution.
Resolved that it is inexpedient to comply with the said Petitions.

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
Benjamin M Brown
William W Mott
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham Van Nest and others purchasers of the State Prison Lots to be discharged from the payment of interest on the purchase money presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham Van Nest and others purchasers of Lots formerly part of the State Prison property praying to be discharged from the payment of interest on the purchase money due for said Lots.

[24] Respectfully Report.

That the present application is made upon the ground that the conditions published at the sale of the said Lots have not been complied with or enforced. The Petitioners allege that by the terms of sale the buildings upon the said Lots were to be removed within three months. In this they are correct; and the intention thereof was simply, that inasmuch as the ground and the buildings were to be sold separately, and might be purchased by different persons, the purchaser of the buildings might have a reasonable time to remove the same, at the expiration of which, the purchaser of the ground should have a right to enter into possession. The terms of sale were thus declaratory of what the rights of the parties should be, and for the enforcement of those rights the same course was open to them as in any other case.

At the expiration of the three months the purchaser of a Lot had a right to enter and take possession, and if the owner of the buildings thereon, had not by that time removed them, he was in default and might perhaps have lost his right to remove them at all.

But at all events the rights of the parties under such circumstances was a matter to be determined between themselves by Law, or otherwise, and the Corporation are not, as the Committee conceive in any respect responsible to the purchasers of the Lots, having guaranteed nothing [25] to them, or in any respect sanctioned the purchasers

of the buildings in any non compliance on their part with the terms of sale.

Under this view of the subject, the Committee are of opinion that no part of the interest on the purchase money of the Lots bought by the Petitioners should be remitted and they submit therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant any relief upon the said Petitions

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
Benjamin M Brown
William W Mott
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Richard Riker for the purchase of a Gore of Land on Ann street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Richard Riker praying for the purchase of a Gore on Ann street

Respectfully Report.

That the Gore applied for, was part of Ann street and became the property of the Corporation at [26] the estimated value of Seventy five Dollars, by the late proceedings for improving and widening Ann street between Broadway and Nassau street.

The Committee have ascertained that the Petitioner is the owner of the adjoining Land and they are of opinion therefore that his application should be complied with, They beg leave to offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel to the Board prepare a Deed for the said Gore from the Corporation to the said Richard Riker, he paying therefor the said sum of $75, and the expences of the Deed, and that the same be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
Benjamin M Brown
William W Mott
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of J D Waterman for reduction of Rent and renewal of Lease of 16 Lots presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joshua D Waterman [27] praying for a reduction in the rent and an extension of the Lease of sixteen Lots of ground between Washington West King and Charlton streets held under Lease from the Corporation Respectfully Report

That the parties interested in the said Lease have been before the Committee and stated the grounds upon which in their opinion, their application should be granted. And the Committee have fully examined and enquired into the circumstances of the said property with the view of determining whether the rent now reserved by the Lease thereof was more than a fair rent for the same. Taking the value of the property into consideration, they are of opinion that the present rent is not too high, and that no reduction should be made. With respect to extending the Lease, the Committee entertain the same opinion which they have lately had occasion *lately* to express upon similar Applications Viz[t] that it is unwise to grant any such application when made during the pendancy of the Lease, and at a time when it is impossible to foresee the various circumstances which might on the expiration of the Lease make it inexpedient to renew it all or have an influence in determining the terms and conditions of such renewal. If the owners of the Lease in question should have any claims upon the favorable consideration of the Corporation the[y] will no doubt [28] be properly received by those who may compose that body when the said Lease will expire, And the Committee are of opinion, that until that time arrives it is better to make no alteration in the terms of the said Lease.

They offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant any relief on the prayer of the said Petition

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
Benjamin M Brown
William W Mott
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Embury and others Devisees of the late Daniel Aymar relative

to the widening and improving of Ann street presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Peter Embury on behalf of himself and others devisees of Daniel Aymar Dec[d] respectfully Report

That the object of the said Memorial is to obtain relief from the Corporation for injustice [29] alledged to have been done to the applicants by the proceedings for widening and improving Ann street between Broadway and Nassau street, and the following appear to be the facts of the case.

M[r] Aymars devisees were the owners of the property situated at the Northwesterly corner of Nassau street and Ann street the principal part of which was required for the purpose of widening Ann street. The Commissioners thought it expedient (as they had power by Law to do) to include the residue of the said property in their Estimate and Assessment, and thus the whole was taken by the said proceedings. The sum allowed therefor in the first instance was $11220—M[r] Embury objected, and the Commissioners on reconsidering the matter encreased the amount to $11370; The Report on being presented to the Supreme Court was opposed by Counsel employed by M[r] Embury but was confirmed, no appeal or further legal proceedings was resorted to by the parties interested in the said premises and the improvement is now carrying into effect.

It is evident from the above state of facts, that no grounds exist for asking any relief or claiming any additional compensation from the Corporation. M[r] Embury alledges that the property was worth at least $12,000. It may be so but the Commissioners appointed by the Court to judge of [30] that matter, thought otherwise, and the Court approved of their judgment, but whether injustice in this respect has been done to the owners or not, the Corporation have no controul over the subject nor any right to apply public money to relieve parties situated as the applicants in this case are.

The Committee beg leave therefore to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant any relief upon the said application.

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
Benjamin M Brown
William W Mott
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Flanagan for renewal of Lease of Common Lands presented the following Report against the same

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Flanagan praying for the renewal of his Lease of Lot N° 203 of the Common Lands

Respectfully Report.

That the subject of renewing Leases from the [31] Corporation, before they are about to expire, has already occupied the attention of the Board, and they were of opinion and so reported to the Board, that as a general rule, the Board should refuse to grant applications of that kind. In the present instance the Petitioners Lease will not expire until the first of May 1833 And the Committee see no reason for making it an exception. They beg leave therefore to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient at present to grant the prayer of the said Petition.

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jacob P Roome and others to have Weehawken streets paved presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Weehawken street paved

Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion that street ought to be paved and therefore submit the following Resolution

[32] Resolved that Weehawken street be regulated and paved between Christopher and Charles street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
W Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of closing the Southampton Road and also Warren Road presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of closing the Southampton Road between 15th & 21st Street and also for closing the Warren Road between Southampton Road and 21st Street—Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the retaining of those old Roads as public highways has by the opening the Streets in conformity with the regular plan of the City, become unnecessary, and that they ought therefore to be closed and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved that it is desirable for public convenience and individual interest that [33] Southampton Road be closed between 15th & 21st Street.

Resolved that Warren Road be closed between Southampton Road and 21st Street.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary Application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissoners of Estimate and Assessment in the said matters, and that the Petition for that purpose be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
W Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of a number of persons to have Side Walks of Madison street paved from Pike to Grand street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the side walks of Madison street paved from Pike street to Grand street.

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the walks of that Street ought to be paved, and accordingly offer the following Resolution.

[34] Resolved that the side walks in Madison street be paved between Pike street and Grand street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of a number of persons to have 13th Street paved presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petitions to have Thirteenth street paved between the Third Avenue and the Kill Road Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion public convenience requires that Street to be paved, as well as the interest of the Petitioners. They accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that Thirteenth street be paved from the Third Avenue to the Kill Road.

Thomas T Woodruff
George D Strong
[35] W Scott
John Rogers
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the 8th Avenue paved presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have the 8th Avenue paved from 13th to 21st Street.

Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion that Avenue ought to be paved inasmuch as it is rendered almost impassible for Carriages owing to the waters of the intersecting streets making a lodgement thereon and which cannot be remedied but by paving the Avenue. They therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Eighth Avenue be regulated and paved from Thirteenth street to Twenty first street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
W Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[36] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the name of Hanover street adopted for the Street lately opened between Wall street and Exchange Place presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the name of Hanover street adopted for the Street lately opened between Wall street and Exchange Place, and to have that name continued to Pearl street late Hanover Square.

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion much of the inconvenience which now exists by having Streets lying contiguous to and intersecting each other, called by names so very similar as those of "Exchange place" & "Exchange street" would be in a great measure obviated by granting the request of the Petitioners they accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Street lately opened along the Exchange Buildings between Wall street and Exchange Place be known and distinguished by the name of Hanover street and that so much of Exchange Place as lies between the Exchange Buildings and Pearl street be also changed to that of Hanover street.

Thomas T Woodruff
George D Strong
[37] W Scott
John Rogers
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Clinton Hall Association to have Beekman street widened between Chatham street and Theatre Alley presented the following Report against the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Clinton Hall Association and the owners of property in Beekman street to have that street widened and improved by removing a portion of the building between Theatre Alley and the Park Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion it would add much to public convenience to have the entrance into Beekman street widened at that place on a line with the front of Clinton Hall. Yet as some doubts have arisen in the mind of your Committee respecting the propriety of the measure, they offer for consideration the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

George D Strong
W Scott
John Lovett

[38] Whereupon Alderman Mott presented as a substitute the following Resolutions which were adopted.

Resolved that Beekman street be widened and improved between Chatham street and Theatre Alley agreeable to an application lately made for that purpose.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners for the said purpose, And that the Petition be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Walter Durbrow & John Pendegrast for Butchers Licences presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Isaac S Schuyler to transfer Stall N° 35 Washington Market to Walter Durbrow, and also the Petition of John Winship to transfer Stall N° 3 Grand Street Market to John Pendegrast Respectfully Report

That the Committee are satisfied that the Petitioners are suitable persons to receive a Licence and they offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved that a Butchers Licence [39] be granted to Walter Durbrow for Stall N° 35, Washington Market, and to John Pendergast for Stall N° 3 Grand Street Market.

Benjamin M Brown
W Seaman
David Marsh
B. J. Meserole
Jonathan Seymour

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department presented the following Report relative to an exchange of Grounds with M[r] Howe for the accommodation of the Public Water Works presented the following Report in favor thereof.

The Committee on the Fire Department in part Report, that it is desirable to exchange a few feet of ground with M[r] B[r]igham How, by giving him three feet of the Corporation property fronting on the Bowery adjacent to his North line, and running down the same, and the Angular gore running on his South line, in exchange for so many feet in the rear of his Lot as will be equivilent to the three feet and the gore proposed to be conveyed. M[r] How acceeds to this

proposal, and the exchange will accommodate the Public Water Works, Your Committee offer the following Resolution.

[40] Resolved that the Counsel of the Board examine the Title and prepare the necessary papers and that the Mayor execute the Deed on the part of the Corporation agreeable to this Report.

Benjamin M Brown
John Rogers
W Scott
Samuel Stevens
P. W Engs

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of John T Irving and others complaining of the disorderly conduct of persons who assemble about the Engine Houses in Tryon Row presented the following Report.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of John T Irving and others complaining of the disorderly conduct of young persons who congregate about the Engine Houses in Tryon Row beg leave

Respectfully to Report.

That the Petitioners set forth and the evidence produced before your Committee most conclusively shows that much disorder and evil result from the improper practice of allowing young lads to frequent the Engine Houses of this City, they enter the [41] same by what is termed night keys, and there they can and do resort at all times, and on some occasions do remain nearly all night, they use the Oil & firewood furnished to the Firemen, and create false alarms of Fire, for the purpose of getting the Fire Engines out, and racing them through the Streets. These complaints are not confined to this particular neighborhood, but embrace many other places. But your Committee wish it to be expressly understood that in no instance have the Firemen been accused of creating false alarms of Fire, or of countenancing the boys in their improper conduct. Another very improper practice prevails, that of running the Engines on the Side walks, not only in violation of the Law, and to the great injury of Public and private property, but often endangering the lives of our fellow Citizens, the evil is one calling for the interferance of the Common Council.

Your Committee offer for the consideration of the Common Council, the following.

Resolved that the Chief Engineer, and the several Ward Street

Inspectors be and they are hereby directed to make diligent enquiry whenever complaint is made to them of any Engine or other Fire Machine running on the side walk contrary to the 5th Section of the 14th Chapter of the Ordinances of the Common Council, for the names of the persons who may have been with such Machine at the time and that they [42] hand the same, together with the facts of the case to the Attorney of the Board for prosecution.

Resolved, that the Committee on the Fire Department be and is hereby empowered to place a large Lock of a description that cannot be opened by night keys on every Engine House, and that no person be allowed to have a key, except a member of the Company.

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council be directed to furnish Copies of the above Resolutions to the Departments whose duty it will be to see them inforced.

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
Samuel Stevens
John Rogers
W Scott
P. W Engs.

Which was approved the Resolution adopted and ordered to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

The Police Committee to whom was referred back their formcr Report on the Inspection of unslacked Lime presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table.

[43] The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Higgs to be relieved from a fine for selling Liquor without Licence presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Higgs to be relieved from a Fine—Report.

That the Petitioner applied for a Licence on the 8th March last, and it is believed there was no objection to granting him a Licence, his money was paid on the same day at the Mayors Office, the Licence was not however signed by the Aldermen or taken out until the 17th March. On the 15th of March seven or eight days after he had paid his money, he was sued, and being taken at night as late as 11 OClock he was put in Jail—The Committee think he should be relieved and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Attorney of the Board refund to Petitioner the Penalty and Costs paid by Petitioner in the suit referred to.

Samuel Stevens
David Bryson
Peter J Nevius
Jon[a] Seymour
W Seaman

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

[44] The Police Committee to whom was referred the subject of drawing Lotteries in front of the City Hall presented the following Report.

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of P. W Engs Esq[r] relating to the drawing of the Lottery in front of the City Hall. Report.

That if it was in the power of the Corporation to exclude the drawing of Lotteries, Your Committee would recommend such prohibition. But this not being the case, it only remains to say whether the Lotteries shall be drawn at the Hall.

Your Committee admit that the Lotteries should be drawn in a public place, but consider that the rear of the Hall, would answer all the purposes of publicity, and be less inconvenient to persons approaching the Hall, than in Front, and therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that hereafter the drawing of Lotteries in front of the City Hall be prohibited but that the Managers thereof be permitted to draw the same in the rear of the Hall.

Samuel Stevens
David Bryson
Peter J Nevius
Jon[a] Seymour
W Seaman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[45] The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Seacord complaining of disorderly persons Gambling &c in the 12[th] Ward on the Sabbath presented the following Report.

The Police Committee to whom the Petition of Samuel Secord was referred Report.

That the Petitioners complains of violations of the Sabbath "by gambling drinking and other indecent and improper conduct in the 12[th] Ward.

Your Committee believe, that as there is ample Law on the subject of the Complaint they presume that all that is necessary is for the Petitioner to point out the violations of the Law, and the abuses referred to, to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward, and they will be remedied.

They recommend the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Petition of Samuel Seacord complaining of Gambling, indecent and other improper practices in the 12th Ward be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of that Ward, with a request that they should remedy the same

Samuel Stevens
David Bryson
Peter J Nevius
Jon[a] Seymour
W Seaman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[46] The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the several Petitions for Office of Measurer of Charcoal presented the following Report in favor of appointing James Scott.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom had been referred the several Petitions for the Office of Inspector of Charcoal.

Respectfully Report

That there is one vacancy and recommend to the Common Council M[r] James Scott as a proper person to fill that Office, and recommend the following Resolution for adoption.

Resolved that James Scott be and he is hereby appointed an Inspector of Charcoal in the place of William Anderson Resigned.

Respectfully submitted

B. J Meserole
Peter J Nevius
John Lovett.

Which was approved the Resolution adopted and James Scott was accordingly appointed.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions for the Office of Measurer of Grain presented the following Report in favor of appointing Jeremiah W Vanderbilt.

[47] The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the several Petitions for the Office of Measurer of Grain Respectfully Report.

That they have duly considered the several Petitions, and have concluded to recommend M[r] Jeremiah W Van Derbilt as a proper person to fill that Office and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that Jeremiah W Van Derbilt be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain &c

Respectfully submitted

B. J. Meserole
Peter J Nevius
John Lovett

Which was approved the Resolution adopted, and he was accordingly appointed a Measurer of Grain &c

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions for Office of City Weigher presented the following Report in favor of appointing James Archer.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the several Petitions for the Office of City Weigher Respectfully Report.

That they have duly considered all the Petitions before them, there being one vacancy they would recommend to the Common Council James [48] Archer as a suitable person to fill that vacancy and submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that James Archer be and he is hereby appointed a City Weigher in the place of Robert Dingee Resigned.

Respectfully submitted.

B J Meserole
Peter J Nevius
John Lovett

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted and he was accordingly appointed.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences and on Repairs presented a Report on the subject of the Public Clock to be erected in the Cupola of the City Hall which was read and referred back to the same Committees.

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the subject of constructing Drains or Sewers at the foot of Delancy street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Canal Committee respectfully Report on the annexed Resolution to have drains or Sewers constructed at the foot of Delancy street, that in their opinion temporary Sewers are much required at that

place, as that [49] part of the Street having been recently filled in, is not at present in a State that would be proper to pave on, not being sufficiently settled and firm for that purpose, they would therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that one or more Sewers be built of wooden Materials and placed in Delancy street between Goerck street and the Bulkhead, at Tompkins street

Henry Arcularius
George D Strong
Isaac Brown
P. W Engs

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Richard F Carman and others to have the sewer under Stone street opened presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Richard F Carman and others setting forth that the common Sewer in Stone street is obstructed or decayed and their Cellars inundated with water, and request that such measures may be adopted as shall afford relief in the premises.

On which your Committee respectfully

Report

[50] That in their Opinion the constructing of a small Sewer of durable materials would be proper, in order that the relief may be afforded which is asked for by the Petitioners.

Your Committee would also recommend that the Carriage way of Stone be repaved (after the Sewer is built) between Mill street and Broad street as it is much required, the greater part will be broken up in constructing the Sewer—They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions.

Resolved that a Drain or Sewer be built of suitable dimensions in Stone street from near Coenties Alley to the Common Sewer in Broad street.

Resolved that so much of the Carriage way of Stone street as may be necessary be repaved between William street and Broad street.

Henry Arcularius
George D Strong
Isaac Brown
P. W Engs.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Special Committee to whom it was referred to make enquiry and Report how far the Public Administrator has fulfilled the [51] duties of his Office presented the following Report.

The Special Committee to whom it was referred to make enquiry and Report how far the Public Administrator has complied with the Laws of the State and Regulations adopted by the Common Council in relation to the duties of his Office.

Beg leave to Report

That in making the enquiry committed to their charge they have examined the Comptroller and present Surrogate, as well as the Public Administrator himself, and they have discovered no reason to doubt that in performing the duties of his Office, the Public Administrator has in all respects within his power, complied with the Laws of the State and the Regulations adopted in relation to such Office by the Common Council. They would state however that as yet no Bond with sureties as required by the Revised Statutes has been given; M[r] Miller the present incumbent having entered upon the duties of the Office before the Revised Statutes went into operation, and no new appointment having been made since, And such new Appointment being deemed necessary to obtain the benefit of the sureties prescribed by those Statutes. It is due to M[r] Miller to say that he professes himself ready to give such Bond with sureties whenever it may be proper or he may be required so to do, And the Committee are of [52] opinion that the Revised Statutes should be complied with in this respect without further delay.

The Committee having performed the duty assigned to them beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that this Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the Matter referred to them.

Bernard J Meserole
James I Roosevelt J[r]
B M Brown
Thomas Jeremiah.
Jon[a] Seymour

Which was Approved the Resolution adopted, and they were discharged from the further consideration of the Matter referred to them. M[r] Roosevelt then moved a Resolution that the Common Council will go into the Appointment of a Public Administrator at the next Meeting of the Board. Alderman Stevens moved that the Board now proceed to the appointment of Public Administrator The question was taken on M[r] Roosevelts motion and the Ayes and noes being equal the Mayor

gave his casting Vote in the Affirmative, so the Resolution proposed by M[r] Roosevelt that the Board will at their next Meeting go into the appointment of Public Administrator was carried in the Affirmative.

[53] The Alderman and Assistant of the 11[th] Ward to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in North street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eleventh Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of sundry persons to have a Well & Pump placed in North street between Pitt and Willett streets Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion a Well & Pump is necessary at that place and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a Pump placed therein in North street between Pitt and Willett streets.

David Marsh
Fyler Dibblee
R Graves.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto Viz[t]

For paving 13[th] Street from the 3[d] Avenue to the Kill Road and John Targee Abraham Quick and Reuben Munson were appointed Assessors.

[54] For paving the Side walks of Madison street from Pike street to Grand street and Thomas R Smith, Jedediah B Leister and John Slidell were appointed Assessors.

For paving the Eighth Avenue from 13[th] to 21[st] Street and Abraham Bloodgood, Cornelius J Roosevelt and Pine Hopkins were Appointed Assessors.

For paving Weehawken street and Abraham Baudoine, Everardus Warner and Gabriel Van Cotts appointed Assessors.

For a Well & Pump in North street between Pitt and Willet streets and John Leonard Alpheus Sherman and Cornelius Harsen were appointed Assessor.

Alderman Nevius presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor cause the obstruction on the North side of Liberty street at the corner of Broadway to be immediately removed.

[55] M[r] Engs presented the following Resolution which was Adopted.

Resolved that the Alderman of the 13th Ward be added to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that Five hundred Copies of the Act in relation to Fires and the Fire Department of this City be printed for the use of the Fire Department of this City.

Mr Engs presented the following which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 14th Ward and Street Commissioner with Powers.

Resolved that Bridge Stones of proper width be placed at the corner of Grand street where it intersects Mulberry street, Mott street, and Elizabeth street.

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution.

Resolved that the property known as the " Corporation Yard " is a suitable Location for a Bridewell and that the Committees on the Jail & Bridewell and Police be directed to furnish to [56] this Board, an estimate of the expenditure, necessary for the erection of a suitable building for this purpose together with the plan proposed.

A Motion was made to lay the same on the Table, which was lost. A Motion to refer it back to the Joint Committees was also made and Negatived. Mr Roosevelt then moved the previous question which was negatived.

It was then moved that the question be divided and taken of the first part of the Resolution Viz " that the property known as the Corporation Yard is a suitable location for a Bridewell " which was agreed to. Alderman B M Brown moved to strike out the words " Corporation yard " and insert. " Penitentiary at Bellevue." A Motion was then made to Adjourn which was lost.

The Question was then taken on Alderman B. M Browns motion to strike out and it was Negatived. The question was then taken on the Resolution as divided and was carried in the Affirmative. The question was then taken on the whole Resolution and it was carried in the Affirmative. Alderman B M Brown gave Notice of reconsideration at the next Meeting of the Board.

[57] The Comptroller presented the following Cash Account.

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| Balance as per Act[t] 19 April | | 798.71 |
| Rec[d] for Tax of 1829 | | 37.050. |
| " | Streets | 3.148.24 |
| " | Cleaning Streets for April | 1.482.90 |
| " | Fines of Attorney | 598.83 |
| " | Commutation Alien Passengers | 347.50 |

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| Recd for Arrears of Tax | 203.11 |
| " Mayoralty fees | 87.75 |
| " Wells & Pumps | 19.60 |
| " Docks & Slips | 5. |
| | $43.741.64 |

99 Accounts Audited and directed to be paid.

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| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st Dist | | | | 1386. |
| Asten & Field " 2d " | | | | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring " 3d " | | | | 945. |
| J Morton Clerk C C | 1 Qur | Salary | 1 May.. | 500. |
| Abm B Martling Keeper City Hall | " | " | .. | 250. |
| H Storms Inspector of Hacks | " | 2d | .. | 200. |
| John Ahern Clerk Mayors Office | " | 1st | .. | 125. |
| O Ayres & J Coffen Asst City Inspectors | 1 Mo | " | .. | 117. |
| Astin & Higbie Asst Keepers City Hall | " | " | .. | 75. |
| C Myers Keeper Pottersfield | " | " | .. | 67.50 |
| David J Burger regulating 4 City Clocks | 1 Qr | " | .. | 50. |
| C Gillman Keeper Battery | 1 Mo | " | .. | 37.50 |
| A McCready " Park | " | " | .. | 37.50 |
| [58] J. C Osborn Keeper Washington Square | " | " | .. | 22.50 |
| Thos Asten St Inspector 1st Ward | " | " | .. | 45. |
| T Woolcocks " 2d " | " | " | .. | 45. |
| J. B Ebbetts " 3d " | " | " | .. | 45. |
| N B Lyon " 4th " | " | " | .. | 45. |
| I A Isaacs " 5th " | " | " | .. | 45. |
| Wm H Sparks " 6th | 5 days | in April | | 7.50 |
| Anthony Morris " 6 | 25 day | do | | 37.50 |
| F Gantz " 7 | 1 Mo | 1 May | .. | 45. |
| Wm G Babb " 8 | " | " | .. | 45. |
| H B Roome " 9 | " | " | .. | 45. |
| T Austin " 10 | " | " | .. | 45. |
| A Hatfield " 11 | " | " | .. | 45. |
| E Kingsland " 12 | " | " | .. | 45. |
| D Hubbard " 13 | " | " | .. | 45. |
| P. Field " 14 | " | " | .. | 45. |
| A B Martling Expences at City Hall | 1 Qr | " | .. | 403.77 |
| Jas Campbell for Books & fixtures in Surrogates Office | | | | 271.32 |
| J Morton Clerk for Hack & Postage Accts | | | | 89.25 |
| Ald Dibblee Expences to Albany on public business with Ald Stevens | | | | 51. |
| J Pinckney & A Parker Assts Board of Health | 1 Mo | 1 May | | 104. |
| J Coffin Asst City Inspector removg Nuisances | " | " | | 23.31 |
| G Duryea Clerk Fulton Market & Sweeper | " | " | | 87.86 |
| J Bremner Clerk Cath Market | " | " | " | 60. |
| J Gilbert Clerk Clinton & Greenwich | " | " | " | 55. |
| S Fleet Clerk Centre | " | " | " | 48. |
| [59] R Smith Clerk Franklin Market | " | " | " | 37.50 |
| J Seaman " Manhattan | " | " | | 30. |

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| J Hammond | Justice | 1. 2. 3 Wards | 1 Qu[r] | Salary 1 May | 400. |
| E Morrell | " | 4. 6 " | " | " | 400. |
| H Meigs | " | 5. 8. 14 | " | " | 400. |
| H Scovell | " | 7. 10. 13 | " | " | 400. |
| E. T. Pinckney | " | 9. 11 | " | " | 400. |
| D M Cowdrey | Clerk | 1. 2. 3 Wards | 1 Qu[r] | Salary 1 May | 187.50 |
| Geo Betts | " | 4. 6 | " | " | 187.50 |
| J. Campbell | " | 5. 8. 14 | " | " | 187.50 |
| Ja[s] Lozier | " | 7. 10. 13 | " | " | 187.50 |
| R L Jaques | " | 9. 11 | " | " | 187.50 |
| W[m] Young | Rent for Court | 4. 6 Wards | " | " | 32.50 |
| W[m] M Whitaker | " | 7. 10. 13 | " | " | 25. |
| Daniel Aim | " | 9. 11 | " | " | 25. |
| D. T. Valentine | Marshal | Marine Court | 1 Mo | " | 32.50 |

J Fleming Treas[r] Am[t] p[d] Witnesses ordered by Court..... 5.
Samuel Judd 26 Casks Oil..... 1368.96
J Macy & Son 9 Casks do..... 289.71
G Snethen Lighting Lamps 1 Mo 1 May..... 1333.99
R Provoost painting & Glazing Lamps & Gas Lights 1 Mo 1 May 111.87
Layman & C[o] setting Lamp Posts &c 1 Q[r] " 61.67
Elias Hatfield 2 Lamps " 4.50
John M Bloodgood Superd[t] Streets Expences for April... 2708.99
John M Bloodgood D[o] 1 Q[r] Salary 1 May... 375.
Charles Dobbs Ass[t] D[o] " " ... 250.
John F Sibell Stationary 3[d] Jan[y] to 1 May..... 343.91
[60] Dailey Advertiser Subscription 6 Mo to 1 May..... 50.
Mercantile Advertiser do D[o] " ..... 50.
C Brown Books &c for Mayors Office..... 33.75
Ab[m] Leggett Super Mud Scow 2 weeks to 2[d] May..... 125.69
T Cumings Act[t] reg 21[st] S[t] fm 5[th] Avenue to Hudson River 500.
John Watts aw[d] for surplus Earth 21[st] S[t] between 3[d] & 5[th] Avenues ..... 358.72
A Quin bal reg & pav[g] Charles S[t] fm Washington to West S[t] 199.99
A Quin bal do Amos S[t] fm do do 180.64
J Lyon Act[t] pav[g] Greenwich fm Bank S[t] to Kill Road..... 170.
T Cummings Act[t] reg 6[th] Avenue fm 13 to 21[st] S[t]..... 150.
Cath L Duane bal for surplus earth 21[st] S[t] b[n] 3[d] & 5[th] Avenue ..... 140.78
R Pettigrew Act[t] pav[d] Sidewalks Bowery 4 to 13[th] Streets. 140.
T Cummings Act[t] pav[g] 6 Avenue fm 6[th] to 13[th] S[t]..... 120.
S Fargay bal repav[g] Pearl fm Chatham to Cross [st]..... 25.31
H Cochran bal repav[g] Liberty S[t] fm Broadway to William S[t]..... 10.
W[m] Gee posting bills for S[t] Com[r]..... 26.85
Patten & Burgess bal build[g] Pier Charles S[t]..... 2797.75
J Gallagher Jun[r] bal Well Henry near Scammel S[t]..... 32.58
R Graves S[t] Com[r] Act[t] repairs Roads..... 500.

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| R Graves do Act$^{t}$ working 86$^{th}$ S$^{t}$ fm 3$^{d}$ Avenue to E River | 500. | |
| R Graves D$^{o}$ Act$^{t}$ Expences Public Lands & Places.. | 250. | |
| Mark Richards Iron pipes for Public Reservoir..... | 850.50 | |
| Geo: W Skellorn & 2 Dep$^{s}$ 1 Q$^{r}$ Salary 1 May Keeper City Prison | 500. | |
| W$^{m}$ Rockwell Physician City Prison 1 Qu$^{r}$ 1 May..... | 75. | |
| Arthur Burtis Super Alms House for New Penitentiary... | 3000. | |
| A Burtis do for Alms House..... | 5000. | |
| [61] J. Fleming. Treas$^{r}$ to pay Interest City Stock 1 Q$^{r}$ 1 May | 8750. | |
| S Jones Chief Justice Superior Court 1 Q$^{r}$ Salary 1 May | 625. | |
| J. O Hoffman Justice D$^{o}$ " " " | 625. | |
| T. J Oakley D$^{o}$ " " " | 625. | |
| Richard Varick Rent for Court 1. 2. 3 ward 1 Q$^{r}$ " | 60. | |
| S Stilwell rent of ground for Engine N$^{o}$ 15 in Chrystie S$^{t}$ 1 year " | 40. | |
| L Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Mo 1 May..... | 80.67 | 43.197.34 |
| | Balance | $544.30 |

Board Adjourned to Monday the 17$^{th}$ day of May next at 5 OClock P M.

[62] In Common Council May 17. 1830

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esq$^{r}$ Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|
| Peter J Nevius | James I Roosevelt J$^{r}$ |
| William W Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| George D Strong | Henry Arcularius |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M Brown | Joseph W Beadel |
| James N Wells | John Rogers |
| Bernard J Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| David Marsh | Fyler Dibblee |
| Gideon Lee | Peter Cooper |
| James Palmer | Philip W Engs |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Communication from Henry Brevoort J$^{r}$ Commissioner of Common School Fund of 1$^{st}$ Ward also from Isaac Dyckman Commissioner of Common [63] School fund of the 12$^{th}$ Ward severally resigning said Offices, which were read, the Resignations accepted and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Wards.

A Petition of Abraham Guest for the Office of Measurer of Coal Grain &c was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

The Clerk of the Common Council presented a Return of persons holding Offices under the Common Council who have reported themselves between the 1st & 15th of May Inst agreeable to a Resolution of the Board, the same was read and that part relative to the Office of Wood Inspectors was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips, and the remaining part to the Committee on Applications for Office.

The Monthly return of the Keeper of the City Prison agreeably to an Ordinance of the Corporation of persons confined therein, was read and ordered to be filed.

A Petition of James Halsey & others to have the side walks of Norfolk street between Rivington & North streets paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[64] A Petition of James Boscawen and others for paving the Side walks of 2d Avenue from 1st to 2d Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial of the Mechanics and working men of the 5th Ward in favor of an Election in the said Ward to fill the Office of Alderman in the place of David Rogers Esqr who is absent from the City was read, A motion was made to lay the same on the Table, A Division being called by Alderman I Brown it was carried in the Affirmative, the members voting as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Mott Strong B M Brown Wells Meserole Marsh Lee Palmer Woodruff Mr Roosevelt [65] Seymour Mandeville Bryson Arcularius Scott Beadle Rogers Jeremiah Dibblee Cooper 22.

In the Negative Ald Stevens I Brown Seaman Mr Engs 4

A Petition of Lawrence V De Forrest and others, to have Stone street from Whitehall to Broad street repaved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance of John Yates Cebra & others against building a Sewer in Stone street & re-paving the same from Coenties Alley to Broad street was read and referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of Samuel S Gray and others praying for certain alterations in the Law relating to Hackney Coaches, was read and referred to the Law & Police Committees.

[65A] A Petition of Mary McCormick to be permitted to have a part of her House at the corner of Elm & Pearl street remain on the

Street the same having been ordered to be removed on or before the 20th Inst was read and referred to the Street Committee with powers.

A Memorial was received signed Richard Vaughn, and as stated in the Memorial to be in behalf of many Mechanics requesting permission to Fire a National Salute on Wednesday morning in the Arsenal yard or such place as the Common Council may direct to celebrate the success of their Political principles, in New London Newark, Wilmington, Albany, Troy & Philadelphia, the same having been read, a Motion was made to lay the same on the Table which was lost. A motion was made by Alderman Stevens to refer it to the Committee on Lands & Places with powers which was lost. Alderman Seaman then moved that the request of the Petition be granted, and the Salute be fired on the Battery which was agreed to.

It was afterward re-considered and the subject was referred to the Police Committee with powers. Mr Roosevelt gave notice of Reconsideration at the next Meeting.

[66] A Petition of John Morss for a Gore of Ground adjoining his property on 12th Street between Broadway & the Bowery Road was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of R Pettigrew for the balance due him for paving 9th 10th 11th & 12th Streets was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John and Thomas T Morrell praying that Two Lots of ground at the Village of Williamsburgh may be sold to them was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A Petition of William B Crosby and others praying for the widening of Cherry street from New Slip to the New Market was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Richard Hatfield for Compensation for services rendered by Order of the Board as Clerk of the Special Sessions was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Jeremiah Gray proposing to improve the grounds on which the Debtors Prison is erected with Trees Shrubbery &c was read and [67] referred to the Committee on Lands & Places.

A Petition of Francis E Phelps proposing a plan for supplying the the City with Water for the purpose of extinguishing Fires and also for Domestic purposes was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and the Water Committee.

A Petition of Fire Engine Company No 46 to be allowed the usual complement of members, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of William W Chester & others remonstrating against the Location of the Bridewell on the Collect ground was read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of Joshua L Pell for the Office of Public Administrator was read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of John Ireland & others praying to have the Gates of the Washington Parade ground kept closed in order to protect the Trees shrubbery &c was read and referred to the Committee on Lands & Places

[68] A Petition of Henry Hoffman, David Marsh Jr John C Turcot and John L Cregier severally for the Office of Clerk of the Assistant Justices Court for the 5th 8th & 14th Wards, were read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of Leonard Kip praying for permission to lay a pipe from the Well & Pump corner Bleecker & Wooster street to his house on said corner was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Daniel J Westervelt and others to have Burton street paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Lawrence Wiseburn for Stall formerly occupied by C Gillman in Greenwich Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Sarah Mills to have the 5th Avenue opened and regulated from 21st Street to Bloomingdale Road, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of George W Murray praying that the Common Council may purchase from him a Well and Pump in 12th Street near Broadway was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

[69] A Petition of M Dougherty to be exonerated from his Contract of Lease of Districts N° 4 & 7 of the Public Wharves & Slips was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the 14th Ward to have an evil remedied which is caused in Consequence of the riotous Assembleage of Boys at the Engine House N° 48 was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Jacob Weiss & others to pave 21st Street from 6th Avenue to the Hudson River was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance of John J Astor & others against opening 6th

Street from Broadway to the Bowery was read and Laid on the Table.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen, the Resignations were accepted and Appointments made. Viz[t]

Fire Engine C[o]

N[o] 2

Edgar Morris Carpenter 155 Mott S[t] V[c] Henry Uested—Resigned

[70] N[o] 3.

John Ellis Grocer, Broome Co Mott S[t] To fill Company

N[o] 5.

Joseph B Trulock Accountant 58 Maiden Lane
V[c] James J. M Valentine. Resigned
William H Colyer Printer 86 Hester S[t]
V[c] William R Corvin—Resigned.

N[o] 6.

Edmund Pendleton Coach painter 328 Washington S[t]
V[c] Daniel Thorn—Resigned

N[o] 12.

William Johnson Carpenter 240 Walker S[t]
To fill the Company.

N[o] 19.

Josiah Terry Mason 126 Eldridge S[t] To fill the Company
Abraham Werneken Tinman 75 Chrystie S[t]
V[c] Samuel Homan Resigned

N[o] 20.

James Bogert Clerk 40 Crosby S[t] V[c] To fill Company.

N[o] 28

Joseph G Stanton—Cordwainer 35 Lispenard S[t]
V[c] Norris Hicks—Resigned

N[o] 29

Henry Cox Cartman 7 Commerce S[t]
Thomas Cox Cartman 7 Commerce S[t] } To fill Company.

[71] N[o] 30

John Roberts Tin Smith 40 Stanton S[t]
V[c] *Joseph* [Joshua] Rich Resigned

N° 33

Richard Fowler Steam Engineer 45 Norfolk S^t^
V^c^ *Charles* [Clark] Peckham. App^d^ Warden

N° 36

Frederick L Linch Carpenter 42 King S^t^
V^c^ George Kent Resigned
George A Harriott Carpenter 557 Greenwich S^t^
V^c^ Henry Duncan Resigned

N° 37.

Peter W Clayton—Grate Maker 137 Bowery
V^c^ F R Lee Resigned

N° 40

Elias Dunshee—Engraver 233 Bowery To fill Company.
Thomas Trotter—Cordwainer 126 Mulberry S^t^
V^c^ Charles H Moffat—Resigned
Michael OConner Mason 18 Canal S^t^
V^c^ Richard M *Demill* [Demilt] Resigned
Henry M^c^Kee—Carpenter 137 Mulberry S^t^
V^c^ Augustin J Battin Resigned

N° 46.

Charles Taylor Piano Fort Maker 26 S^t^ near 3^d^ Avenue
V^c^ Joseph Snyder Resigned

[72] N° 42

Alfred Moon Stone Cutter 14 Batavia S^t^
John Burger Cooper 111 Mulberry S^t^
Henry Bross Plumber—Walker S^t^
Jacob S Chapman Cabinet Maker Roosevelt S^t^ } To fill the Company.
George Brown Cabinet Maker 11 Mulberry S^t^
James Hedges—Blind Maker Crosby S^t^

Fire Hook & Ladder C^o^

N° 2

William D Lord Carpenter 50 Chrystie S^t^
V^c^ Bradley S Wiggins—Time Expired
John C Rowland Carpenter 169 Orange S^t^
V^c^ Benjamin D Yates D^o^

Fire Wardens C^o^

3^d^ Ward.

Peter R Warner—Clerk 192 Greenwich S^t^
V^c^ Jesse Foshay—Resigned.

7th Ward

Benjamin Fuller—Rigger 33 Norfolk St
Vc George Greig—Time Expired.

[*74] 8th Ward.

William Buckland Builder cr Amity St & Amity Lane
Vc John Hinton Time Expired

Richard M *Demill* [Demilt]—Merchant 158 Mott St
Vc Garret T Beekman Do

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances correcting Nuisances Vizt

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Vizt

| No | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Alfred Wagstaff | Owner | 26 Pell St | Privy |
| 2. | Peter Lorillard | " | 83 Hester St | Do |
| 3. | Alexander Campbell | " | 502 Pearl St | Do |
| 4. | Whitehead Hicks | " | 522 Grand St | Do |
| 5. | Francis Hanratty | " | 524 " | Do |
| 6. | J Townsend | " | 221 Mulberry St | Do |
| 7. | Mary Rodgers | " | 30 Willet | Do |
| 8. | Benjamin Ogden | " | 60 Elizabeth | Do |
| 9. | Do | " | 160 Hester | Do |
| 10. | E. J. Moore | " | Broome St cor Sheriff | Do |
| 11. | Wm McIlwain | " | 39 Lawrence St | Do |
| 12. | Do | " | 41 Do | Do |
| 13. | William Edmonds | " | 13 Sul[l]ivan St | Do |
| 14. | Elbridge Maltby | " | 529 Broome St | Do |
| 15. | Do | " | 531 " | Do |
| 16. | [Henry] Yates | " | 11 Sullivan | Do |
| 17. | Michael Garney | " | 505 Grand St | Do |
| 18. | [75] Robert Bogardus | " | 281 Water St | Do |
| 19. | James Williams | " | N W side Mercer | Cow Stable |
| 20. | Francis Secor | " | N Side Broome St | A Lot |
| 21. | Pattison Jolly | " | N side Grand St | Cow Stable |
| 22. | Thomas Thomas | " | between Lewis St & Avenue D | Lot |
| 23. | R Havens | " | Southerly side 5th St | " |
| 24. | Abraham R Lyster | " | W side Green St | Cow Stable |
| 25. | John J Astor | " | S side Hamersly St | Lots |
| 26. | Curtis Hitchcock | " | Easterly side 6 Avenue | " |
| 27. | Alexr L Stewart | " | Hudson cor Laight St | " |
| 28. | E. J. Moore | " | Broome cor Sheriff St | " |
| 29. | John W Hyatt | " | S side Forsyth St | Alley |
| 30. | Alexr Ogilvie | " | " " | " |
| 31. | Frederick Ridaback | " | " " | " |
| 32. | John F Delaplaine | " | N side Madison | Lot |
| 33. | Wm G Post | " | " " | " |
| 34. | " | " | Mulberry Cor Houston | Lots |

* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

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| 35. | Robert Mathison | Owner | Mott cor Houston | Lots |
| 36. | Wm G Post | " | cor Houston Mott & Elizth | " |
| 37. | Benjn Winthrop | " | E side Ludlow | Lot |
| 38. | Est of Wm Lawrence | " | 256 Front St | Yard |
| 39. | Wm I Furman | " | N side Batavia | Lot |
| 40. | Charles McEvers | " | Broome cor Thompson | Lots |
| 41. | Saml L Gouverneur | " | W side Governeur | " |
| 42. | Louisa Verplank | " | " | " |
| 43. | Maria C Gouverneur | " | " | " |
| 44. | Edwd N Bibby | " | " | " |
| 45. | [76] Robert Tillotson | " | " | " |
| 46. | Che M Graham | " | 5th St cor of Eleventh St | Plot of ground |
| 47. | Saml Haskill | " | Bloomingdale Road | " |
| 48. | John J Astor | " | " | Lots |
| 49. | Henry Brevoort | " | " | " |
| 50. | Mrs Mott | " | " | " |
| 51. | John Morse | " | 4 Lispenard | Privy |

I Warren City Inspector.

Which were passed.

The City Inspector presented an Ordinance to fill in a Cellar Hole fronting on Shirleys Alley between Mangin & Goerck street at the Public expence, which was read & passed.

The Counsel presented the following Report that the Commissioners appointed for opening 17th Street have resigned and recommending an Application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners.

The Counsel of the Board begs leave respectfully to Report

That in the matter of opening Seventeenth street from the Sixth Avenue to the Bloomingdale Road, and from the Bloomingdale Road to the Third Avenue, the Commissioners Gideon Tucker, John Leonard and Thomas R [77] Smith have resigned their appointment. It becomes necessary for the Board to pass a Resolution authorising a new application to be made to the Supreme Court for the appointment of other Commissioners in their places. The following Resolution is therefore respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board make application to the Supreme Court or one of the Judges thereof, for the appointment of Commissioners in the matter of opening 17th Street in the place of Messrs Smith Tucker and Leonard resigned, and that the Clerk authenticate the necessary papers during the recess of the Board.

R Emmet.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Comptroller presented a Report stating that he had examined the Accounts of the Treasurer for 6 Months to the 1st Inst also his

accounts as Commissioner of the Sinking Fund for the same period, and that he had found them Correct was read and ordered to be filed.

The Comptroller presented for the approbation of the Board a Release of Quit Rent on a Water Lot between Courtlandt and Liberty Streets [78] granted to Edward Bardin on the 10th February 1804 which has been commuted for by Daniel Clark was ordered to be executed during the recess of the Board

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Vizt

For a Well & Pump in 10th Street near the 6th Avenue and Jameson Cox appointed Collector.

For a Well & Pump in 10th Street midway between the 5th & 6th Avenues and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication stating that Samuel Thompson the Contractor for the earth on the 8th Avenue had neglected to pay into the Office the monies due from him the same having been read was referred to the Counsel of the Board with powers.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees of the New York Dispensary for their annual Donation of $600, presented the following Report in favor of the same

[79] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees of the New York Dispensary for their annual appropriation of Six hundred dollars for the Vaccine Department.

Respectfully Report.

The following Resolution—Resolved that the Comptroller Report a Warrant in favor of Lindley Murray Treasurer of the New York Dispensary for Six hundred Dollars for the Vaccine Department of that Institution.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
William W Mott
Peter J Nevius
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of David V Smith to purchase a Gore of Land at the South West corner of Bowery Road & 14th Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Commitee to whom was referred the application of David V Smith to purchase a Gore of Land at the Southerly corner of the Bowery Road and Fourteenth street

Respectfully Report

[80] That the said Gore became the property of the Corporation by the proceedings for opening Fourteenth street and adjoins the property of the Petitioner. The Committee after due enquiry have put the value of Twenty five Dollars upon the said Gore, and they recommend that the same be sold to M^r^ Smith for that amount and the expences of the Deed. They offer the following resolution therefore.

Resolved that the Counsel to the Board prepare a Deed for the said premises to the said David V Smith on the above terms and that the same be authenticated during the recess of the Board

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
G Lee
B M Brown
William W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Wood J^r^ for the purchase of a piece of Ground formerly part of Ann street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom [81] was referred the Petition of John Wood Jun^r^ for the purchase of a piece of ground formerly part of Ann street respectfully Report.

That the said piece of ground became the property of the Corporation by the late proceedings for widening and improving Ann street between Broadway and Nassau street, at the estimated value of Eighty dollars, and that the same adjoins the property of the Petitioners wife, lying between it and the Street. They are of opinion that it ought to be sold to the parties owning such adjoining property for the above price, and the expences of the Deed. And they offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel to the Board prepare a Deed for the said Gore to the legal owners of the Land adjoining, and in the rear of the same on the terms above mentioned, and that such deed be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
G Lee
B M Brown
William W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom [82] was referred the Petition of Hugh Maxwell for the purchase of a Gore of Land on the South West side of Cedar street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Hugh Maxwell for the purchase of a Gore of Land on the South westerly side of Cedar street Respectfully Report

That the said Gore became vested in the Corporation by the late proceedings for opening Cedar street from William to Pearl street at the price of $607, since which it has been Assessed for paving Cedar street and for widening William street, making the whole amount with interest, at which it now stands the Corporation $665.72. The Committee have been informed that Mr Maxwell is the Lessee of the adjacent Land with the privilege of purchasing the same and that he intends so to [do]. They recommend therefore, that when he shall have completed his Title to the said adjacent property, the said Gore be sold to him for the amount which the same has cost the Corporation, with interest calculated thereon to such time, and they offer the following Resolution accordingly.

Resolved that whenever Mr Maxwell shall have obtained a legal title in fee to the [83] premises adjacent to the Gore applied for by him and shall satisfy the Counsel of the Board thereof, the said Counsel shall be authorized to prepare a Deed to him for the said Gore upon the terms herein before mentioned, he paying also the expences of such Deed, And that the said Deed may be authenticated during the recess of the Board.

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
G Lee
B M Brown
Wm W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Executors of the estate of Samuel Norsworthy for a Gore of Land formerly part of Ann street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Hall and William B Skidmore Executors &c of Samuel Norsworthy deceased for the purchase of a Gore of land formerly part of Ann street Respectfully Report.

That the said Gore consists of pieces of Land adjoining each other

which became the property of the Corporation by the late proceedings [84] for widening and improving Ann street between Broadway and Nassau street, the estimated value of one of said pieces being $52, and of the other $39, making together $91, That the adjacent Land (between which the Street and the Gore in question lies) belongs to the estate of the said Samuel Norsworthy deceased, and the Committee are of opinion therefore that the said Gore should be sold to representatives of the said Estate at the above price, they paying the expences of the Deed. They offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel to the Board prepare a Deed for the said premises to the Petitioners as Executors of Samuel Norsworthy for the above mentioned sum, and the expences of such Deed, And that the same be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
G Lee
B M Brown
W^m^ W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees of the Northern Dispensary for their Annual Donation [85] presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Finance Committee respectfully Report the following Resolution on the Petition of the Trustees of the Northern Dispensary for the Annual Donation of Two hundred Dollars.

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of John Groshon Treasurer of the Northern Dispensary for Two hundred Dollars

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
William W Mott
Peter J Nevius
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Langley for reduction of Ground Rent on Lot of ground on Chatham street presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Langley for reduction of Rent on a Lot of ground on Chatham street respectfully

Report

That the rent was fixed in April 1829 by Arbitratiors appointed by the Corporation, and the Lessee, and as the Committee think it would be improper to interfere in the premises, they recommend [86] the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
William W Mott
Peter J Nevius
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Haight John P Barker, William Hill, James Hartell Mathew H Chace Joshua S Place & Benjamin Ward for transfer of Stalls presented the following Report in favor of the several Petitions.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of William Haight, John P Barker, William Hill, James Hartell Mathew H Chace, Joshua S Place & Benjamin Ward for transfer of Stalls respectfully Report

That the said Petitions are accompanied with requisite testimonials of Character or are known to your Committee to be proper persons to receive a Licence.

They offer the following for the consideration of the Common Council.

[87] Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted
to James H Hawes for Stall N° 18 Clinton Market
to John P Barker for Stall N° 9 Greenwich Market
to William Hill for Stall N° 16 Catharine Market
to James W Hartell for Stall N° 52 Washington Market
to Mathew H Chace for Stall N° 33 Washington Market
to Benjamin Ward for Stall N° 4 Grand street Market
to Joshua S Place for Stall N° 5 Grand street Market

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
David Marsh
W Seaman
B. J. Meserole
Jon[a] Seymour

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Ann T Banker to be relieved from an erroneous Assessment presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Ann T Banker to be relieved from an erroneous Assessment

Respectfully Report

That Mrs Banker [testified] to the fact of her being Assessed for personal property in the Fifth ward and that she is worth no personal property.

[88] Although Mrs Banker was in Town during the period that the Assessors Books were open; Yet as she is an aged woman who was not previously taxed for *his* [her] personal property, the Committee believe her entitled to relief, as the Assessors certificate annexed confirms her statement.

The Committee offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of Anne T Banker in the Fifth ward be remitted.

George D Strong
Thos Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
Jons Seymour
W Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Peter D Demarest to be relieved from an erroneous tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Peter D Demarest to be relieved from an erroneous Tax.

Respectfully Report.

That Mr Demarest appeared before the Committee and affirmed that he was Assessed [89] for his personal property in the 9th Ward on $900, which he was exempt from in consequence of his doing duty in the Horse Artillery.

He further stated that he called on the Assessors during the period that their Books were open and that his Tax was then erased.

The Certificate of the Assessors merely states that they were unaware of the fact that Mr Demarest belonged to the Horse Artillery, but as he affirms that he called on them, and that they erased the Tax, the Committee feel bound to grant the desired relief.

They offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of Peter D Demarest in the 9th Ward be remitted.

George D Strong
Thoˢ Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
Jonᵃ Seymour
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Halliday to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Halliday for [90] relief from an erroneous Tax

Respectfully Report

That Mʳ Halliday appeared before the Committee and testified that he had been Taxed on his property at the corner of Greenwich & Bank streets, twice and that the Tax on the said property in Greenwich street is erroneous. The Certificate of the Assessors corroborates his statement & the Committee offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax on the property of Robert Halliday in Greenwich street in the 9th Ward amounting to $25, be remitted

George D Strong
Thomas Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
Jonᵃ Seymour
W Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of David Cudlip to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of David Cudlipp to be relieved from an erroneous Tax Respectfully

[91] Report

That it appears by the Statement of Mʳ Cudlipp & the Certificate of the Assessors that he was Taxed for his House in Mulberry street in the 14th Ward on $2,200, but that by a mistake it was Copied in the

Collectors Book $3,200. As the mistake is fully acknowledged, the Committee offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax of David Cudlipp in the 14th Ward on his House N° 247 Mulberry street be reduced from that on $3,200 to that on $2,200. and that the surplus be placed among the Errors of Taxes for 1829.

George D Strong
Thomas Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
Jon[a] Seymour
W Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Ab[m] R Pattison to be relieved from the payment of Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Ab[m] R Pattison to be relieved from an erroneous Tax Respectfully

[92] Report

That M[r] Pattison appeared before the Committee and testified that he was Assessed on his personal property in the 14th Ward on $500, which he was exempt from, in consequence of his doing duty in the Artillery.

He further stated that he was never before assessed for his property being a poor man and occupying but a small portion of the House in which he resided; and that he therefore was totally ignorant of the Law which regulates Assessments.

Your Committee believing from the statement of M[r] Pattison and the Certificate of the Assessors, that he is entitled to relief, offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the personal Tax of Abraham R Pattison in the 14th Ward be and the same is hereby remitted.

George D Strong
Thomas Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
Jon[a] Seymour
W Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Martha Knox [93] to be relieved from payment of personal Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Martha Knox to be relieved from an erroneous Tax respectfully

Report

That Mrs Knox appeared before the Committee and testified that she was taxed in the 10th Ward on $2000 personal property, that she was worth no personal estate and that she had never been previously taxed for personal property. She further stated that she was in Town during the period that the Assessors Books were open, but did not know of the fact that application should be made for relief to the Assessors; and that being a widow she did not anticipate the Assessment, as she had for several years resided at the same place and never was taxed for her personal property before. The Committee believing Mrs Knox entitled to relief offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of Martha Knox in the 10th Ward be remitted.

George D Strong
Thomas Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
Jona Seymour
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[94] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of James Johnson to be relieved from an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of James Johnson to be relieved from an erroneous Tax

Respectfully Report.

That Mr Johnson appeared before the Committee and testified that he was taxed for his personal property in the 14th Ward on $1000, and that he is not worth any personal property. He further stated that he was not aware of the fact that relief could be obtained of the Assessors having never been taxed before, nor had he any Idea of being taxed at this time.

As Mr Johnson appeared to be a poor man who was totally unacquainted with the Laws, the Committee believe him entitled to Relief. They offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of James Johnson in the 14th Ward on $1000, be and the same is hereby remitted.

George D. Strong
Thomas Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
Jon[a] Seymour
[95] William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Andrew Curtis & others to be relieved from an Assessment for a Well & Pump in 20th Street corner of 8th Avenue presented the following Report against the same

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Andrew Curtis & others to be relieved from an Assessment for a Well & Pump in 20th Street corner of 8th Avenue

Respectfully Report.

That M[r] Curtis appeared before the Committee and stated that Six owners of property in the vicinity made application to the Common Council for permission to dig a Well and erect a Pump at their own expence. That in consequence of the Petition interfering with the rights of the remonstrants, they were thereby induced to remain neutral in regard to the said application, and that as the Alderman & Assistant of the 12th Ward and Street Commissioner reported in favor of their application, but authorized the Assessment in the usual way, whereby the present remonstrants were assessed, they feel aggrieved and desire the Common Council to relieve them from the payment of the said Assessment. The [96] Committee find the facts as above stated to be correct, and while they are aware of the impropriety of thus Reporting on a Petition of this nature & thereby depriving the opponents of the measure of the privilege of remonstrating, they still are perfectly convinced that the Committee who reported in favor of the above named Well and Pump proceeded in good faith, but owing to some cause inadvertantly overlooked the tenor of the Original Petition.

Under this view of the subject the Committee felt bound to give the remonstrance of the late petitioners, the same consideration as if they had originally appeared, and after a full investigation of the subject, the Committee believe that the above named Well & Pump were required for public convenience and they therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Petition of Andrew Curtis & others in the 12th Ward be rejected.

George D. Strong
Thomas Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
Jon[a] Seymour
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to [97] whom was referred the Petition of R Elwell to be relieved from an erroneous Tax presented a Report which was read and Laid on the Table.

The Committee on Applications for Office presented the following Report recommending the appointment of Peter See to the Office of Clerk of the Assistant Justices Court 3[d] District in the place of John Campbell deceased.

The Committee on Applications for Office beg leave respectfully to Report that in consequence of the decease of M[r] John Campbell Clerk of the 3[d] District Justices Court, it becomes necessary for this Common Council, to appoint some competent person to fill the vacancy. Various persons have informally applied for the appointment, and the Committee after maturely weighing the competency and claims of the different individuals thus applying, have come to the conclusion of recommending to the Common Council the appointment of M[r] Peter See for that Office, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that Peter See be and he is hereby appointed Clerk of the Justices Court for the 3[d] District in the place of John Campbell Esq[r] deceased.

Respectfully submitted

[98] Bernard J Meserole
Peter J Nevius

Which was read and on Motion the Board proceeded to Ballot when Peter See had a majority of Votes and was declared duly elected.

M[r] Roosevelt presented the following Resolutions in relation to the appointment of Public Administrator.

Whereas, by the provisions of the Revised Statutes, the Public Administrator, before entering upon the duties of his Office is required to take the Oath and give the security in the said Statutes prescribed—

And whereas the present Public Administrator, having been appointed previous to the time when the said Statutes went into operation, hath not given the said Security altho' ready and willing, to do so.

Therefore, in order that the said security may be duly given

Resolved that the Office of Public Administrator in this City be and the same is hereby vacated

Resolved also that Silvanus Miller be and he is hereby appointed Public Administrator upon his taking the Oath and executing (with sureties as shall be approved by the Mayor or Recorder) the Bond required by Law

[99] Resolved that the Salary, to be allowed and paid quarterly to the Public Administrator, shall be Twelve hundred and fifty dollars per Annum.

The same having been read the First Resolution was adopted—The Board then upon motion proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill the said Office, when on counting the Ballots it appeared that Silvanus Miller had a Majority of Votes—The question was then taken on the second Resolution and it was adopted—The Question was then taken on the last Resolution fixing the Salary at $1250, per Annum and it was Adopted.

Mr Roosevelt moved that the Board go into the appointment of a Keeper of the City Prison. The Question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative—Alderman I Brown gave notice that he would at the next meeting of Board move for a Reconsideration of the vote given—The Mayor decided that on a Resolution of the Board to go into an Appointment of an Officer, a notice of Reconsideration was out of order—Alderman I Brown appealed from the decision of the Mayor—And upon the question, is the decision of the Mayor correct; It was carried in the Affirmative, and the Decision of the Mayor was sustained.

The Board then proceeded to Ballot for a Keeper of the City Prison when on counting the Ballots, [100] George B Thorp had a Majority of Votes and the President declared George B Thorp duly elected Keeper of the City Prison & Bridewell of New York

The Street Committee presented the following Report on subject of paving the intersection of Suffolk & Hester streets

The Street Committee respectfully Report on the subject of abating a Nuisance which at present exists, at and near the intersection of Suffolk and Hester streets, that such nuisance is occasioned by the water course and pavement being too low to carry the water off freely, and that in order to remedy the evil, it will be necessary to repave a

part of those streets, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that so much of Suffolk street and Hester street be repaved as may be necessary to abate the existing nuisance at the Junction of those streets.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
George D Strong

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[101] The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of abating the Nuisance now existing on 21st Street near 5th Avenue presented a Report in favor of filling up the grounds, was read, & Laid on the Table.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Counsel relative to applying for the appointment of New Commissioners in the matter of opening Sixth street between Broadway and the Bowery presented the following Report.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Report of the Counsel informing the Board that the Commissioners appointed in the matter of opening Sixth street between Broadway and the Bowery Road, had resigned such appointment

Respectfully Report.

That as the said Commissioners have resigned on the ground that they have not beeen able to find property sufficient to assess for the payment of the damage of opening said Street, the question is presented whether it is expedient to apply to the Supreme Court for the appointment of other Commissioners in their places, or to abandon the improvement entirely for the present. The Committee are of opinion that if the latter course be adopted, a new application will before long be made to the Board for the opening of [102] the said street; and without questioning the correctness of the judgment formed by the Commissioners who have resigned, they think it will be more satisfactory to all parties interested, to have the subject examined by another set of Commissioners who may probably view it in a different light.

In case such new Commissioners should arrive at the same conclusion with the old ones, the Board will have stronger grounds for abandoning the said matter, than they have at present. And as the Maps and Surveys are already made, the expence will not be much

encreased by proceeding with it until the opinion of such new Commissioners shall be obtained—The Committee therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Counsel make the necessary application for the appointment of Three Commissioners in the said matter in the place of Thomas R Smith John Slidell and Cary Dunn Junior who have resigned and that the necessary papers for that purpose be authenticated during the recess of the Board

Thomas T Woodruff
William Scott
John Rogers

The Question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative.

[103] The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto Viz[t]

For building Sewers at the foot of Delancy street and John Leonard, Alpheus Sherman & Cornelius Harsen appointed Assessors.

For repaving parts of Suffolk and Hester streets and Abraham Dally Samuel Purdy and Peter Ogilvie Jun[r] appointed Assessors.

The Street Committee to whom was referred a Resolution proposed by Alderman Nevius and a Report of the Law Committee on the same subject respecting an alledged encroachment at the North West corner of Broadway and Liberty street presented the following Report.

The Resolution of Alderman Nevius was as follows

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor cause the obstruction on the North side of Liberty street at the corner of Broadway to be immediately removed.

The Report of the Law Committee was as follows.

The Law Committee to whom was referred sundry documents relating to the alleged encroachment at the North westerly corner of Broadway [104] and Liberty street Report.

That after re-examining the subject, they perceive no reason for changing the opinion expressed by them in their former Report and adopted by the Board. In order however to shorten the proceedings and save the expence of further litigation they respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions.

Resolved (in case the proprietor of the premises in question should consent thereto) that it be referred to two indifferent persons, to be chosen one by him, one by the Corporation, and they two in case of disagreement to choose a third, to determine what compensation, under all the circumstances, ought to be allowed to such proprietor for his relinquishment of the said premises.

Resolved that the Law Committee be empowered to adopt such measures as they may deem expedient to carry the foregoing Resolution into effect

James I Roosevelt Jr
William W Cowan
Samuel Stevens
G Lee.

The Report of the Street Committee presented this Meeting was as follows.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Report of the Law Committee [105] relative to an alleged encroachment at the Northwesterly corner of Broadway and Liberty street

Respectfully Report

That from the said Report of the Law Committee it appears, that sundry documents relating to this subject were referred to the said Committee but neither are any documents annexed to the said Report nor is it stated therein what Documents were so referred nor have the Street Committee been able to find in the Office of the Clerk any documents relating to this subject which were referred to the Law Committee.

It appears also from the said Report that after re-examining the subject, the Law Committee found no reason to change the opinion which they had expressed in a former Report made by them and adopted by the Board, but that in order to shorten proceedings and save the expence of further litigation, they recommended in substance that it should be referred to them with power to negociate with the proprietor of the premises in question for a settlement by arbitration of the compensation which under all the circumstances ought to be allowed to him for relinquishing the said premises.

The above being all that can be gathered from the document referred to them, the Street Committee with a view of understanding this subject and of ascertaining what particular duty was intended to be imposed on them, by the said reference have been obliged [106] to look elsewhere for the necessary information, it being stated in the said Report of the Law Committee, that they had already made a former Report on this subject, which had been adopted by the Board, the Street Committee were naturally led to examine the said former Report and the subsequent proceedings to which it gave rise, so far as such proceedings appear from the Minutes of the Board and from the papers filed with the Clerk thereof.

In the said former Report of the Law Committee which was adopted November 2d 1829 it is stated That by an Act of the Legislature passed 4th May 1784 the Corporation were authorized to appoint Commissioners for the purpose of laying out the Streets in such parts of the City as had principally suffered by fire during the Revolutionary War—That Commissioners were accordingly appointed and having agreed upon a plan, the same was submitted to and approved by the Corporation and ordered to be carried into execution. By this plan Liberty street then called Crown street was widened five feet, on each side from Broadway to the North River.

As damages might be sustained by the proposed alterations the Act provided a mode of appraising the same, and paying the amount out [107] [of] the City Treasury.

No provision was made for the removal of any building then standing but it was enacted that any and every building which should thereafter be erected so as to intrude or encroach upon the Streets to be laid out in pursuance of this Act, should be deemed a public nuisance and upon a view thereof by the Mayor Recorder or any two or more of the Aldermen, the owner or builder should be obliged to enter into a recognizance in such sum as the Mayor or Recorder or Aldermen should think fit to remove the same in convenient time, and in case of refusal to enter into such recognizance, or neglect to perform the condition of the same within the time limited, the Common Council might thereupon make an order for abating and demolishing the said nuisance.

That the proprietors of all the Lots fronting on Liberty street have receded according to the plan of the Commissioners except two, On the two excepted Lots substantial brick buildings had been erected previous to the Act in question, one of which still continues standing, the other having been destroyed by fire about four years since. In rebuilding on the Lot thus made vacant, the proprietors so far as respects the main Wall of his house has conformed to the line prescribed by the Commissioners, but in constructing his Area has occupied not only the usual space allowed by the [108] Ordinances of the Common Council, but also the interdicted five feet by erecting a stone Wall around the same surmounted by a railing and united to the main Wall. The Law Committee were of opinion, that the said Wall being connected with the House, and erected at the same time should be considered as part of the same Edifice and the whole together as forming one building; and that the said Wall around the Area was a building within the meaning of the Act above mentioned

and that the proper course to be pursued therefore to remedy the annoyance which the said Area was alleged to be to the neighbourhood, was the course pointed out by the said Act. This Report therefore concluded with a Resolution stating in substance that the said Area was a public nuisance within the meaning of the said Act and a further Resolution that the Mayor should cause the same to be removed in the manner prescribed in the said Act.

The Act of the Legislature above referred to will be found at length in the Volume of State Laws relative to this City page 502.

It appears also that in pursuance of the last Resolution presented by the said Report, the Mayor having viewed the premises in question caused a written notice to be personally served [109] upon Waldron B Post (who claims to be the owner thereof) on the 13th day of November last, requiring him to enter into a recognizance in the sum of One thousand Dollars to remove the said alleged nuisance within ten days from such date, the same being in his opinion the correct mode of proceeding to be pursued by him in conformity with the directions of the Act above mentioned, and that a remonstrance was thereupon presented by the said Waldron B Post against the proceedings lately ordered by the Board in relation to the said alleged nuisance.

It appears also that the said remonstrance was on the 30th of November last referred to the Mayor and the Counsel of the Board who made a Report thereon on the 14th of December last, and that such Report was referred to the Law Committee—The Street Committee have not seen either the said Report or the Remonstrance of Mr Post not having found the same in the Office of the Clerk, but they have had Mr Post and the owners of Property in Liberty street who complain of the said Area, before them, and have heard the respective statements of the said parties, from all which the Committee have ascertained that shortly after the building now standing on the North westerly corner of Broadway and Liberty street had been erected, with the Area connected therewith in Liberty street, and enclosed in the same situation [110] as at present, applications were made to the Common Council complaining of the said Area as a Nuisance and requesting that measures should be taken to remove the same, and that the proceedings of the Board after the usual reference of the subject to a Committee and a Report thereon resulted in the adoption of the following Resolution on the 30th of July 1827.

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to give notice to the owner or occupant or person having charge of the premises

at the North west corner of Broadway and Liberty street that they remove the railing fence, and other encroachments on Liberty street in front thereof in pursuance of the 17th Section of the Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner &c passed 14th May 1827 and of the other Ordinances of the Corporation, and that in default thereof the Street Commissioner request the Counsel of the Board to prosecute for the penalty under that section and adopt such further proceedings as may be necessary under the direction of the Law Committee."

In pursuance of the said Resolution an Action of Debt was brought in the Supreme Court in the name of the Corporation, against the owner of the said premises for the penalty incurred under the Section above referred to in not removing the obstructions [111] complained of after due notice, and the object of the said suit being to obtain the decision of the Supreme Court as to the rights contended for by the owner of the premises in question, and such being the understanding of both parties, a verdict by consent was taken for the plaintiffs subject to a case to be made for the opinion of the Court.

The said case was agreed upon by the Attornies for the parties respectively, and it would appear that every fact or circumstance that could tend to throw light upon the point to be determined by the Court was either embodied in the Case or suggested in the written arguments of Counsel presented with it.

The avowed object of the case was to submit to the Supreme Court the substantial question arising in the Cause, and what those questions were, is put beyond a doubt, not only by the ultimate decision of the Court, but by the express terms of the Case itself. In the original draught of the said case the following will be found in the hand writing of the then Counsellor of the Board.

"If the Court are of opinion that the Defendant is bound to yield up his five feet of ground under the Act of 1784 without compensation as part of Liberty street, then the Plaintiffs to have judgment for the penalty with full costs, and if the Court think that the Defendant is not bound to submit to the Act of 1784 without being previously compensated for the Land required, then the Defendant to have [112] Judgment for full Costs of his defence."

Upon such case submitted to the Court Judgment was rendered for the Defendant and the following points were decided.

1st The Court were of opinion that the Act of 1784 does not provide for compensation in cases where houses were then standing on Lots adjoining Crown street but applies in cases where there were no

buildings and where the owner is required to yield five feet, for widening the Street, the consequence of this is, that the defendant is not bound to surrender five feet of the Lot on which the house was lately burnt without Compensation.

2d The Court were also of opinion that the Defendant had not a right to rebuild on the five feet, the Act of 1784 declaring such erection to be a Nuisance; this being merely a regulation as to the manner of using the property is considered as within the legitimate powers of the Legislature

This Judgment was acquiesed in on the part of the Corporation. They had the right of appeal to the Court of Errors, but it was not thought expedient to exercise it and the Defendants Costs were paid, thereby fully assenting to the decision of the Supreme Court.

Whether the said decision was a sound one or not in point of Law is not for the Street [113] Committee to determine; It is enough for them that the Matter has been so decided, and they have only to consider what the effect of such decision has been upon the rights of the parties. They deem this the more important, as the owners of property in Liberty street still urge the Board to proceed in the mode recommended by the Law Committee in their former Report.

It may be said that the view taken of this subject by the Law Committee in that Report, does not disagree with the above opinion of the Supreme Court inasmuch as the Court (although they have not touched the question whether the Area in this Case is a Nuisance within the meaning of the Act of 1784) have recognized the validity of that part of the said Act which declares every building thereafter to be erected so as to intrude or encroach upon the Street to be a Nuisance, and which points out the very mode of proceeding recommended by the Law Committee. If the Area in question be a building within the meaning of the Act of 1784 it is a nuisance which may be proceeded against in the manner directed by that Act. Whether it is such building, is at least susceptible of doubt, but admitting the opinion of the Law Committee in this respect to be correct will the difficulties presented by this case be obviated by acting upon it? The most successful result that could be expected from proceeding against Mr Post under the Act of 1784 would be the [114] technical abatement of the alledged nuisance by demolishing the Wall surrounding the Area and connected with the main building, and by removing the railing (it being also connected with the main building; but what further step could the Common Council legally take? If any point is clearly decided by the Judgment of the Supreme Court, it is, that Mr Post is the legal owner

of those five feet, and that they cannot be taken from him for the Street or for any other purpose without compensation. It is evident therefore that the attempt to abate the nuisance according to the provisions of the Act of 1784 even if successfull, would lead to the existence of a much greater nuisance; for after demolishing the Wall and railing, the power of the Corporation would be spent, and any further interference with the premises might subject them to an Action of trespass.

Mr Post might insist upon his right to keep his own property in whatever condition he might think fit. The five feet of ground would form no part of the Street, the Corporation would have no right to pave regulate or lay the side walk there, and the owner might use it in various ways more annoying to the neighbourhood than it is at present, without again subjecting it any way to the operation of the Act of 1784.

[115] The question is then presented whether it is expedient for the Common Council to undertake proceedings, which if Mr Post chooses to stand upon his strict rights, will not attain the desired object. It would be worse than useless in the opinion of the Street Committee to pursue such a course. Whatever the inconvenience may be arising from the existing state of things, it is less than what might be occasioned by the attempt to apply an imperfect remedy, and as any measure beyond what was strictly warranted by Law, would be an invasion of private rights, the Street Committee cannot recommend it to the Board to adopt any such, even if it should promise to be successful.

It has been suggested that the Corporation should purchase the premises in question from Mr Post and throw it open to the Street. This however would be making the whole City pay for a strictly local improvement, and the Committee doubt the power of the Common Council to apply the Public money to such a purpose.

On the whole subject as it would appear to be referred to them, the Street Committee have arrived therefore at the following conclusions.

That the premises in question are the private property of a Citizen, who by Law can exercise every right over the same incident to his ownership except that of erecting a Building thereon

[116] That if the said property should be required for the purpose of improving Liberty street, it must be taken in the only way known to the Law—Viz by Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who on a full consideration of all the circumstances can fix the amount of compensation which the proprietor thereof should receive. That no

application being before the Board for any such improvement, the Common Council are not called upon to take any Measures for carrying the same into effect, and that until they are so called upon it is inexpedient for them to interfere in any way with the said premises.

The Street Committee beg leave to submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Street Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject of this Report.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Repairs and Arts & Sciences to whom was referred back their Report relative to the Public Clock and the [117] alteration of the Cupola presented the following Report.

The Committees on Repairs and Arts & Sciences to whom was referred back the Report and Resolution relative to the alteration of the Cupola and an appropriation for the completion of the same.

Beg leave to Report, that they have examined the same and are fully of the opinion that the work should be completed as proposed in the former Report with the exception of the fixtures and of lighting the Dial. The Dial being made of Glass will answer the several purposes of emiting light in the Cupola, and form a Beautiful surface to show the time by day and be prepared for Illumination whenever the interest of the City calls for it to be done.

We therefore submit the following Resolutions.

1. Resolved that $650, be appropriated to add to the Clock the machinery necessary to make it strike the Hour.

2. Resolved that $1500, be appropriated to furnish a Bell for that purpose.

3. Resolved that $1000, be appropriated to put in Dials of glass in Copper frames.

4. Resolved that *that* $450 be appropriated for contingent expences.

Peter Cooper
[118] Thomas T Woodruff
James N Wells
Thoˢ Jeremiah

The question being taken on the first and second Resolutions, *and* they were Adopted.

The Question was then taken on the third Resolution and a Division having been called by Alderman Stevens the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Mott Strong B M Brown Marsh Palmer Mr Roosevelt Seymour Arcularius Beadle Dibblee Cooper 13

In the Negative Ald Stevens Wells Lee Woodruff Mandeville Bryson Scott Rogers Jeremiah Engs 10.

So the Resolution was Adopted. The question was then taken on the fourth Resolution and it was adopted. Mr Mandeville gave notice of Reconsideration of the 3d Resolution & Alderman Strong gave notice of Reconsideration of the 4th Resolution.

[119] The Committee on Jail & Bridewell and Police on the subject of Building a Bridewell presented a Report together with a plan of and an Estimate of the expence of the same which was read Laid on the Table, and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition for and Remonstrance against opening the 7th Avenue from 21st Street to Bloomingdale presented the following Report against said opening.

The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry persons to have the Seventh Avenue opened between 21st Street and the Bloomingdale Road, and also the Remonstrance against the same.

Respectfully Report—That in their opinion the opening of that part of the Avenue is not required for public purposes, and would be attended with very serious loss, and damage to the individual owners of the highly cultivated grounds through which the Avenue would pass when so opened. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to open the Seventh Avenue between Twenty first street. [120] and the Bloomingdale Road

G Lee
John Rogers
Samuel Stevens
Bernard J Meserole

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jacobus Dyckman and others for some pecuniary Aid in repairing the Bridge over the Harlaem Creek presented the following Report in favor

The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jacobus

Dyckman and others for some pecuniary aid in repairing the Bridge over the Harlaem Creek Respectfully

Report

That the Bridge crosses the Harlaem Creek at some distance Southerly of the Kingsbridge, and [is] much required for the accommodation of the inhabitants of the upper part of this Island, in their intercourse with the adjacent Country, and of the Farmers of West Chester County in bringing their produce to this Market—An[d] inasmuch as that this Corporation have not (except in one instance) contributed any thing towards the Keeping in repair the said Bridge but that it has been done at the sole expence of [121] the Inhabitants in its vicinity. Your Committee deem it but just and reasonable, that a small sum should be appropriated by this Board for that purpose. And accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the sum of Two hundred dollars be appropriated by this Board towards the repairing of the Bridge over Harlaem creek near Kings bridge, provided a like sum be contributed by the Petitioners for, and applied to the like purpose and that the said repairs be made under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

G Lee
John Rogers
Samuel Stevens
Bernard J Meserole

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry persons for and remonstrance against opening the Ninth Avenue between the 28th Street and the Bloomingdale Road presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Road Committee respectfully Report on the Petition for, and remonstrance against opening the Ninth Avenue between the 28th Street and the Bloomingdale Road that in their opinion [122] the opening of that Avenue as requested by the Petitioners is not required at present. But inasmuch as that it has been for several years opened and worked to 28th Street, and that portion of it which passes through the grounds formerly of John L Norton, commonly called the Hermitage has been ceeded to this Corporation, and partially worked, Your Committee would recommend that so much of the 9th Avenue as lies between 28th Street and that part ceeded by Mr Norton be opened provided the Petitioners will give assurances to the Corporation that they will work the same into a convenient Road at their individual

expence when the same shall have been so opened—In conformity thereto your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions.

Resolved that the Ninth Avenue be opened from the 28th Street to the grounds formerly of John L Norton on the conditions expressed in the foregoing Report.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures for having the foregoing Resolution carried into effect by making application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above case, and that the same be authenticated during the recess of the Board.

[123] G Lee
John Rogers
Samuel Stevens
Bernard J Meserole

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Report of the Committees on Public Offices and Repairs on the subject of preparing accommodations for Offices in the Institution presented on 30th November last and laid for consideration was called up and referred to the Committees on Public Offices and Repairs.

It was Resolved that the notices for Reconsideration given at the last Meeting and which have not been acted upon at this Meeting be continued over until the next regular Meeting of the Board.

The Comptroller presented the following Report

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| Balance as per Account 3d Inst. | $544.30 |
| Recd for Rents | 9869.63 |
| " " Streets | 8699.61 |
| " " Tax of 1829 | 5212.49 |
| " " Justices Courts | 939.50 |
| " " Cartmen & Porters Licences on Act | 650. |
| " " Commutation Alien Passengers | 245. |
| " " [124] Superior Court fees | 231. |
| " " Wells & Pumps | 162. |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 82. |
| | $26.635.53 |

38 Accounts Audited.

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| Blauvelt & Stewart—Watch 1st Dist | 1386. |
| Astin & Field " 2d " | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring " 3d " | 945. |
| G. N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qr Salary 15 May | 450. |
| Jacob P. Roome Super Repairs 1 Qr " 14 May | 300. |

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| John Fleming Treasr 6 Mo 1 May | 250. | |
| Isaac Warren City Inspector 1 Qr 9 May | 200. | |
| Jacob Lozier Clerk Street Coms Office 1 Qr 11 May | 125. | |
| J Leonard for lists of Passengers 6 Mo 1 May | 50. | |
| John M Devoy Clerk 3 Markets 1 Mo 1 May | 57.50 | |
| Abm Leggett Super Mud Scow 2 weeks to 16 May | 144.39 | |
| J. P. Deitrich Auction fees on Docks & Slips & Duane Market | 24. | |
| Jas Shaw for Officers attending Courts 1 Qr 1 May | 1825.50 | |
| R Hatfield Clerk of Sessions 1 Qr Salary 12 May | 500. | |
| R Hatfield do Amt pd Witnesses 1 Qr " | 15. | |
| Geo: B Raymond for Officers serving Supboenas 1 Qr 1 May | 195.57 | |
| John P Roome Crier of Court 1 Qr 3d May | 50. | |
| Henry M Britten Rent for Court 5. 8. 14. Wards 6 Mo 1 May | 125. | |
| Jas Hopson Special Justice 1 Qr Salary 12d May | 400. | |
| Abm M Valentine " " " | 400. | |
| John W Wyman " " " | 400. | |
| [125] R Stephens Clerk Police Office 1 Qr 12 May | 312.50 | |
| J Townsend Asst Clerk " " " | 200. | |
| P Van Pelt printing " " | 481.50 | |
| T Cumming Actt reg 6th Avenue fm 13th to 21st Street | 1280. | |
| T Cumming Actt reg 21st St fm 5th Avenue to Hudson river | 700. | |
| T Cumming Actt reg & pavg Barrow & Commerce between Hudson & Bedford Street | 220. | |
| J Gallagher Junr 1st payt Well 17th St near 8th Avenue | 15. | |
| *J Pinkerton buildg Sewer & Repairg Pavements at Barclay St &c | 295.32 | |
| Abm Storms movg Cath Market & driving Piles | 3604. | |
| R Graves Street Comr Actt Repairs Roads | 500. | |
| Thos S Richards Iron Pipes for Public Reservoir | 921.60 | |
| Samuel Richards Do Do | 518.40 | |
| Jacob P Roome Super Repairs for Fire Dept | 2260. | |
| J. P Roome Do Markets | 391. | |
| J. P Roome Do Pumps | 300. | |
| J. P. Roome Do Lamps | 287. | |
| A Burtis Super Alms House for Alms House | 5000. | 26.123.08 |
| Balance | | $512.45 |

In the Comptrollers Report of Accounts audited, an Account for building Sewers & repairing pavements at Barclay & West street, was presented and was referred to the Street Committee.

Board Adjourned to Monday the 31st Inst at 5 OClock.

* Marginal note reads *not passed*.—ED.

[126] In Common Council May 31st 1830

Present. The Honbl Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
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| Peter J Nevius | James I Roosevelt Jr |
| William W Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| George D Strong | Henry Arcularius |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M Brown | Joseph W Beadel |
| James N Wells | John Rogers |
| Bernard J Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| David Marsh | Fyler Dibblee |
| Gideon Lee | Peter Cooper |
| James Palmer | Philip W Engs |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The unfinished business of last Meeting was first taken up.

[127] Alderman B M Brown presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committee to enquire into the expediency of having the Side walks laid on the South side of Hammersly street between Hudson & Greenwich street.

Alderman B M Brown presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Market Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to the Market Committee to have the ground in the rear of Washington Market regulated and paved.

Alderman Isaac Brown presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 11th Ward and Street Commissioner.

Resolved that a Well be dug and a Pump erected therein in Forsyth street between Rivington and Stanton streets.

Alderman Palmer presented the following Resolution which was read and Laid on the Table

Resolved that the Street and side [128] walks at the corner of Hester & Suffolk streets be taken up and Repaved

Alderman B M Brown presented the following Resolution which war read and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Commitee to enquire into the expediency of having the Street in the rear of Tompkins

Market between 6th & 7th Streets regulated and paved, also that they Report a suitable name for said Street

Alderman Palmer presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Police Committee.

Resolved that the Police Committee be directed to cause the Buildings Nuisances &c around the Bridewell to be removed without delay.

Mr Rogers presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that so much of the Old Barn or Stable at present incumbering the Side walk of Broadway between 12th & 13th Streets be removed therefrom and that the Street Commissioner adopt measures for having the same carried into Effect.

[129] Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolved that it is expedient that this Corporation should assume the occupancy of the Bulkhead and Waters on the Westerly side of West street between Hubert street and Vestry street as it is now required for public purposes and which is to be relinquished by the proprietors of the Water Grants when the same shall be so required for Public purposes.

A Petition of a Committee appointed at a meeting of Citizens at the City Hall to apply to the City Authorities for aid in the establishment of a House of Industry was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Alms House Bridewell & Penitentiary was read, Also the Annual Report of the Commissioners of the Alms House Bridewell & Penitentiary were read and referred to the Special Committee on Pauperism with power to print the said Report if deemed advisable.

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had received a Mandamus issuing out of the Supreme Court of this State dated the 15th of May 1830 directed [130] to the Mayor Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York in relation to the case of the Election of David Rogers as Alderman of the 5th Ward [the same being read] was in the words following.

(Seal) The People of the State of New York by the Grace of God Free and Independant. To the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York Greeting

Whereas on the first day of November last past, and for the two succeeding days, an Election was duly held according to Law in the Fifth Ward of the said City, for the purpose of Electing an Alderman and other Officers of the said fifth Ward according to the Charter of

the City of New York and the Statutes amending the same. And whereas at the said Election David Rogers had a Majority of votes for Alderman of the said Ward, Whereupon the said David Rogers was entitled to and ought to have qualified himself to become a Member of the Common Council of the said City, by appearing and taking the oath or oaths by Law provided, but on the contrary, thereof, the said David Rogers soon after the said Election took place, and in the said Month of November, and before the first day of January last past, departed from the United States for the Island of S$^{t}$ Croix in the West Indies [131] without having ever qualified himself by Law to assume the Office of Alderman of the said Fifth Ward; And whereas he the said David Rogers has ever since been and still is absent from the United States whereby the said Fifth Ward is not fully represented in the said Common Council, and manifest injustice is done to the residents and Electors in the said Fifth Ward as has been suggested to us by the Complaint of John B Schmelzel, James R Manley, George Concklin, George W Arnold, David Banks and Benjamin Briggs residents and electors in the said Ward. And Whereas we have been informed by the said Complaint, that by reason of the premises aforesaid, the Office of Alderman of the said Fifth ward is now vacant, and that it is proper, expedient and necessary that an Election for Alderman of the said Ward should be had without delay, therefore being willing that due and speedy justice should be done in this behalf (as it is reasonable) Do command you, by firmly enjoining you, that immediately after the receipt of this our writ, You do without delay cause an election to be held for the purpose of choosing and electing an Alderman of the said Fifth ward, pursuant to the said Charter and the Acts of the Legislature of the State of New York in such case made and provided or signify to us to the contrary thereof, that the same Complaint may not by your default be again repeated to us, [132] and how you shall have executed this our writ make it appear before our Justices of our Supreme Court of Judicature, at the Academy in the Town of Utica, on the first Monday of July next, and this you are not to omit on peril that may fall therein.

Witness John Savage Esquire Chief Justice at the City Hall of the City of New York, the fifteenth day of May in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and thirty.

Dunlap, Attorney

Fairlie Hubbard Paige & Oliver Clerks.

In Supreme Court May 27. 1830

The People of the State of New York ex relatione John B Schmelzel & others
v^s
The Mayor Alderman & Commonalty of the City of New York

J A Dunlap Att^y

Application having been made to the Court for an Alternative Mandamus to the Corporation of the City of New York to order an election of Alderman of the Fifth Ward, Ordered that said motion be granted

(A Copy)
Ja^s Fairlie Cl^k

Supreme Court

The People of the State of New York on the Relation of John B Schmelzel, James R Manley George Concklin [133] George W Arnold David Banks & Benjamin Briggs
v^s
The Mayor Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York

City and County of New York SS. John B Schmelzel, James R Manley, George Conklin, George W Arnold, David Banks and Benjamin Briggs, residents and electors in the Fifth ward of the City of New York being duly sworn depose and say that on the first Monday of November last past, and for the two succeeding days, an Election was duly held according to Law in the Fifth Ward of the City of New York for the purpose of electing an Alderman and other Offices of the Fifth Ward, according to the Charter of the City of New York and the Statutes amending the same, that at the said elect*ed*[ion] David Rogers had a Majority of Votes for Alderman of the said Ward. Whereupon the said David Rogers was entitled to and ought to have qualified himself to become a member of the Common Council of the said City, by appearing and taking the oath or oaths by Law provided; but on the contrary thereof, the said David Rogers soon after the said Election took place, and in the said month, of November and before the first day of January last past departed from the United States for

the [134]. Island of St Croix in the West Indies without having even qualified himself by Law to assume the Office of Alderman of the said Fifth Ward and that the said David Rogers has ever since been and still is absent from the United States whereby the said Fifth Ward is not fully represented in the said Common Council. And these deponents further say that they are advised and believe that the said David Rogers by reason of his non Compliance with the said Charter and Laws, has forfeited all right and claim to the said Office of Alderman, that the same is now vacant, and that it is proper, expedient and necessary that an Election for an Alderman of the said Fifth Ward should be had without delay. And further these deponents say not

Sworn this fifth day of May 1830 John B Schmelzel, Geo: Concklin Geo: W Arnold, David Banks & Benjamin Briggs and on the sixth day of May instant James R Manley— Before me

Cornelius Roosa
Commissioner &c

John B Schmelzel
Geo: Concklin
Geo W Arnold
David Banks
Benjn Briggs
James R Manley

Mr Roosevelt moved that the Resolutions presented by him on the 5th of April last on that subject which were adopted and on motion of [135] Reconsideration, reconsidered on the 7th of April and referred to the Counsel and Reported on by him on 19th of April and Laid on the Table be now called up and Adopted. Alderman Strong moved that the whole subject be referred to a Special Committee.

Debates were had thereon and on the question of agreeing to Alderman Strongs motion, and a Division being called by Mr Roosevelt the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Mott I Brown Strong B M Brown Wells Meserole Marsh Lee Palmer Woodruff Mr Seymour Arcularius Beadle Rogers Jeremiah Dibblee Cooper Engs 19.

In the Negative Ald Nevius Stevens Seaman Mr Roosevelt Mandeville Bryson 6

[136] So it was carried in the Affirmative and the Committee were directed to Report at the next Meeting of the Board.

The Mayor appointed on the Committee Ald Seaman Strong Mr Bryson Rogers Dibblee.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board the following Document received from the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the City of New York which was read and ordered to be filed.

At a Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of New York held in and for the City and County of New York on Wednesday the 26th day of May in the year of our Lord 1830 Present

The Honbl John T Irving First Judge

Peter J Nevius
Benjamin M Brown
James N Wells
Bernard J Meserole
William Seaman
George D Strong
James Palmer
Thomas T Woodruff
} Alderman & Judges of the Court

[137] In the Matter of Abraham M Valentine one of the Police Justices. The Court having advised in this Matter, and due deliberation being had. Do order and adjudge that the said Abraham M Valentine be removed from the Office of Police Magistrate of this City & County and he is accordingly hereby removed.

Extract from the Minutes

N Dean Clerk

A Communication from D B Ogden and also from Jonas Platt Esqr requesting a settlement of their Accounts as Counsel employed on part of the Corporation on subject of Leaks Will were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Elvin Hunt in behalf of his Mother Brother & Sisters praying for extension of time to pay the Assessment due on their Lot of ground in 12th Street near Broadway was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of George B White for permission to erect a frame Building on West side Castle Garden as a Warm Sea Water Bath, also to moor a Floating Bath off the same was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[138] A Petition of John Van Bussum to be appointed an Inspector of Anthracite Coal was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Members of Fire Engine Co No 9 praying to have a Fine against C F Lindsley remitted was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Memorial of the Congregation of Shearith Israel praying that a

Gore of Land on Eleventh street may be released to them was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial of Henry Coster for renewal of Lease of Common Lands Lot N° 186 was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial of the General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen of the City of New York for the remission of the Ground Rent on the Lot upon which the Apprentices Library is erected was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance of the owners of Property in Cherry street against the widening [139] of said Street between Catharine and James Slip was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of David Marvin to have an Assessment on 10th Street divided so that his Lot can be paid for seperately was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Remonstrance of Henry Eckford John Hone & others against paving 21st Street between 6th & 8th Avenues was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance of John G Coster, Lynde Catlin & others against the extension of the Sewer in Centre street was read and referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of Andrew Egan for the remission of a Fine for selling Liquors without Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Mary J Delancy to have an error in Tax on personal property corrected was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[140] A Petition of William Lewis for remission of a Fine for having in his Store Wood-cock for sale contrary to an Ordinance of the Corporation was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Gouverneur street to have side walks of said street from Water to Madison street paved was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Stephen C Brown to have an Assessment on Lots for opening 14th & 15th Streets and 7th Avenue apportioned was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Azel Conklin to be appointed a Measurer and Inspector of Charcoal was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of S C Reeder & others for a Well & Pump corner of Washington & Morton streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John L Heyer for [141] Butchers Licence for Stall N° 53 Washington Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of David Lefferts & others to have a Pond between 1st & 2d Streets adjoining Avenue B filled up was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Edward Holmes & others to have sunken Lots from 16th to 21st Street between 6th & 7th Avenues filled up was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Anthony Tieman and others to have sunken Lots between 17th and 23d Street on 5th Avenue filled up was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of E S Lazarus for the Office of Special Justice of the Police Office was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Remonstrance of Robert McQueen and others against widening Cross & Little Water streets at the "Five Points" was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[142] A Remonstrance of Christopher Milderberger and others against the opening of 5th Avenue beyond 21st Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial of the General Theological Seminary &c against paving 21st Street West of the 9th Avenue, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Roe & Munro to purchase a Gore of Land in 12th Street between Broadway and the Bowery adjoining their Lots was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Jonathan Lyon for balance due him for paving Greenwich Street from Bank street to the Kill Road was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of David S Mills & others to have Side walks of 3d Avenue from Bowery to 13th Street paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Ephraim Bolander and others Butchers in Centre Market praying [143] that the Attorney may be desired to stay proceedings against them, in a suit commenced for the recovery of the rent of their respective Stalls, until they can be heard before a Committee of the Board was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Fitzpatrick for the appointment of Engineer to the Reservoir in 13th Street was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

A Petition of the Hucksters Butchers & others of Centre Market for permission to place Boxes therein to be used as vegetable Stand[s] was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Michael Kent in behalf of his Brother John Kent to have him relieved from a Fine for selling Meats without the Limits of the Market was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Timpson Jr for the Office of Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Andrew Curtis & others to have 20th Street paved from 6th to 10th Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[144] The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen which was read the resignations accepted and Appointments made Vizt

Fire Engine Co

No 4

Henry B Cook Bronzer 18 Stone Street
Vc Thomas Gilfeather—Resigned

No 7

William H Stevens Mason 100 Division St
Vc Jonathan Marshall Resigned
Samuel Radcliff Printer 29 Orchard St
Vc William H Colyer Resigned

No 14

Thomas Gilfeather Tailor 48½ Duane St
Vc Thomas P Williams
Theodore Mercer Carpenter 239 Greenwich St
Vc Bernard A May[e]reau
Elbert E Kip Polisher Cabinet Furniture 49 Beekman St
Vc Saml Y Coles
} Resigned

No 23

William Smith Carver 55 Elm Street
Vc Charles L Strong—Time Expd
Henry Valentine Cabinet Maker 45 Murray St
Vc Edwd O [D] Cooper Appd Warden
Robert Millon Cabinet Maker 563 Pearl St
Vc James Struthers Appd Warden

[145] N° 16.

William Van Dewater Sail Maker Eldridge S^t^
William A Pinckney Clerk Fulton S^t^ } to fill the Company

N° 28

John Secor Accountant 131 Bleecker S^t^ V^c^ E Pendleton Resigned
P. S Martin Butcher 52 Prince S^t^ V^c^ Isaac Craft Resigned.

N° 32

Cornelius L Purdy Carpenter 164 Bowery S^t^
V^c^ Samuel Cox Resigned
John C Valentine Ship Carpenter 151 Allen S^t^
V^c^ David Theall Resigned
James Oakley Grocer 95 Hester S^t^
V^c^ Francis H White—Resigned
Peter Powless Ship Carpenter 60 Willet S^t^
V^c^ Thomas M^c^Intyre Time Expired

N° 33

James Start Ship Wright 333 Water S^t^
V^c^ Adam W Youle Time Expired
John Spencer Ship Wright 665 Water S^t^
V^c^ Charles Miller Time Expired
Stephen W Simmons Ship Wright 694 Water S^t^
V^c^ John A Weeks Time Expired
Charles Parker Spar Maker Lewis S^t^ V^c^ James Fennell Expelled

[146] N° 34

Jacob A Powless Carpenter 127 Barrow S^t^ to fill the Company

Fire Hose C° N° 1

John T. S. Smith Accountant 104 Eldridge St
V^c^ R. C. Theall Time Expired
Thomas S Williams Merchant 167 Hester S^t^
V^c^ W^m^ J Lee Resigned
William M Mailler Carpenter 141 Orange S^t^
V^c^ R C Barker Time Expired
Benjamin L Guion—Confectioner 60 Division S^t^
V^c^ John Stebbins—Time Expired

Fire Wardens C°

2^d^ Ward

Robert Furlong J^r^ Grocer 43 Liberty S^t^
V^c^ D Ayres—Time Expired

The Chief Engineer presented his Annual Return which was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to print the same.

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting [147] Nuisances Viz[t]

| No | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1. | John R Livingston | Owner | Columbia & Cannon St | Lots |
| | 2. | Peter Ogilvie | " | E side Sheriff | " |
| | 3. | " | " | S W cor Stanton & Columbia | " |
| | 4. | Zephaniah Halsey | " | S W side 20th St | " |
| | 5. | Estate of W Hunter | " | N W cor Lombardy & Cor[laers] | " |
| | 6. | " | " | S side Lombardy St | " |
| | 7. | Peter Ogilvie | " | N side Harman St | " |
| | 8. | John J Astor | " | S side Grand St | " |
| | 9. | N Mont[a]gue | " | S side 20th Street | Cellar |
| | 10. | S. P. V R Tenbroeck | " | No 214. 216. 218. 19th St | Cellars |
| | 11. | Margaret S Gibson | " | No 220. 222. 224 " | " |
| | 12. | Thos C Davis | " | No 226. 228. 230. 232. " | " |
| | 13. | Wm McIntire Prest of Sterling Co | Lessee | E side Attorney St | Lots |
| | 14. | John McComb | owner | W side Broadway | " |
| | 15. | Anthony Lamb | " | W side Sheriff St | " |
| | 16. | John J Astor | " | W side 6 Avenue | " |
| | 17. | John Adams Presdt Fulton Bank | " | S side Rivington St | " |
| | 18. | John J Astor | " | N side Henry Street | " |
| | 19. | George S Watkins | " | Christopher St | " |

I Warren
City Inspector

Which were passed.

The Counsel presented a Report in the matter of opening 4th Avenue from Broadway to 28th Street, stating that the Supreme Court decided against confirming the Report of the Commissioners but [148] have suspended referring it to New Commissioners until the Board determine whether or not it is expedient to abandon the opening at present which was read and referred to the Road and Street Committee.

The Counsel presented a Report stating that the Supreme Court at the last term Confirmed the Report of the Commissioners for opening 5th Avenue from 13th to 21st Street, of widening Jacob street and also opening 11th Street from Greenwich Lane to Broadway [which] was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereon Viz[t]

For a Well & Pump in Mulberry street between Spring and Prince street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For a Well & Pump in the 8[th] Avenue near 19[th] Street and John Hanmer was Appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on Assessment for [149] regulating 21[st] Street from the 5[th] Avenue to the Hudson River—Whereupon a Warrant was directed to be issued to John Hanmer the Collector thereof

The Joint Committees on Public Offices and Repairs to whom was referred the Report of the 30[th] of November last on Accommodation for Courts &c in the Building on Chamber street presented the following Report.

The Report of the 30[th] of November was called up & read as follows.

The Committee of Repairs and Public Offices to whom was referred the Resolution of M[r] Jeremiah for a suitable appropriation of the New York Institution, and the further accommodation of Public Offices beg leave to Report.

That they have maturely considered that subject, and are of opinion that the entire building alluded to in the Resolution, is required for public purposes, and may be occupied agreeably to the plan and views hereunto annexed. First, for your Police Office; Second, for your House of Detention; Third, for your Grand Jury; Fourth for your First District Watch; Fifth, for your Commissioners of the Alms House; Sixth (where the Museum now is) for a Court room Forty two feet by Ninety three, with Judges Chamber, Clerks Office, and Jury Rooms connected therewith; [150] Seventh for the Collectors of Assessments, eighth for the Public Administrators Office and Court; Ninth for your Marine Court, and the rooms that may be necessary for its accommodation, there will then remain several apartments which may hereafter be appropriated. The attention of your Committee has also been drawn to the nuisance that now surrounds the back part of your Bridewell and Debtors Jail, and do in their opinion herewith suggest a plan that will entirely remedy and remove that nuisance. It is further proposed by your Committee, that the Iron railing of the Park be extended on the Chamber street front, and that the ground be laid out in an Ornamental manner, as per plan, and be reserved exclusively for M[r] Hunters family and the Keeper of the House of Detention, that the whole building be newly painted white, and windows trimmed on

Chamber street with green blinds which will in the opinion of your Committee, make the front equal in appearance to any of the private buildings opposite, particularly as the proposed plan is to make the front on the Park, the business front. In the consideration of this subject the attention of your Committee has been drawn to the present condition [151] of the City Prison, as well in relation to the imperfect arrangement of this building as to the manifest neglect of that peculiar class of individuals which chiefly constitutes its inmates. Your Committee are perfectly aware that the happiness and security of Society require that a place of confinement should be prepared for persons awaiting their trial, but they would at the same time deprecate the idea of degrading them into the character of felons, by placing them in the society of such, or into a building which possesses the character and all the revolting attributes of a common prison; too long your Committee would urge has this subject been neglected and humanity outraged, in the midst of a population distinguished for liberality of sentiment and character, they would therefore respectfully suggest that that part of the Institution lying nearest to your future Court of Sessions, be occupied for the accommodation of persons charged with crime, to be called the House of Detention, and to be prepared with the view of separation or such Judicious classification as may best comport with the health and propriety of the establishment, and the comfort of individuals confined therein. The advantages of this arrangement will be that very small expence, all the real objections urged against the present Bridewell will be obviated, and the building when so prepared will be less liable to objections as a nuisance, than one of your public schools; nor should it [152] be thought degrading that the same range of buildings is to be occupied for a Court Room and for Various Public Offices when we reflect that the tenants of the House of Detention will be in fact only charged with crime, of which in the spirit of our Laws they will be deemed entirely innocent. As that part of the Institution to be occupied as above stated will be seperated from the Court of Sessions (now preparing) by a small space of ground, it will be readily seen that by running high walls so as to include that space into a yard, as it is now occupied, the intercourse between the two places will be entirely concealed from the public eye; and thus one of the greatest Nuisances complained of the assemblage of idle and curious spectators to witness the passage of the prisoners will be in a great measure done away; by the arrangement proposed it will be necessary to remove the Commissioners of the Alms House and the family of M$^{r}$ Hunter, into another part of the

building, where they will be equally well accommodated; their yard however can still continue to be occupied for all the necessary public purposes, to which it has been heretofore appropriated. Your Committee in conclusion of this part of their subject would urge in general terms the propriety of locating the different Courts and Establishments intimately connected therewith [153] as nearly as possible in the same vicinity. The future improvements of the City will undoubtedly develope a more central location for all those Institutions; but until that period arrives, public accommodation as well as economy suggests the present as the most suitable situation

The estimated cost of all the alterations proposed by your Committee, except the Iron fence in Chambers street will not exceed Ten thousand Dollars. In conclusion your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Committees on Public Offices and Repairs, be authorized to make the alterations suggested in the above Report, and that they be limited not to expend more in amount than Ten thousand Dollars

James N Wells
Thomas T Woodruff
Thomas Jeremiah
Jeremiah Dodge

The Report now presented was as follows.

The Committee on Public Offices and Repairs to whom was referred the Report of the 30th of November last on the subject of the better accommodation of the Courts and Public Offices for a suitable appropriation of the buildings on Chambers street,

Respectfully Report

That all the legal measures necessary to put the City authorities in possession of the building called the Institution have been taken, and the same is now in [154] situation to be occupied for public purposes, as soon as the Common Council shall direct.

The great length of time during which so large an amount of the public property has been suffered to be applied, without any material equivalent, almost exclusively to private uses, has been a subject of frequent and, it must be admitted of just animadversion. When to this consideration is added the present crouded state of the City Hall and its utter inadequacy to the accommodation of the numerous Courts and public Offices, the Committee are persuaded that no other argument need be urged to induce the Common Council, without further delay, to adopt some plan for the occupation of the building in question. In

the Report referred to your Committee the establishing of the proposed House of Detention in the East wing of the Building was recommended Since that period the Board have passed certain resolutions on the subject of a Location for a New Bridewell, the effect of which however, has been suspended by a notice of re-consideration. The Committee therefore have deemed it proper to postpone for the present that branch of the subject referred to them, reserving until the Bridewell location question shall have been finally settled by the Board.

With respect to the Westerly portion of [155] the building, there is no difficulty in the way of fitting it up immediately to meet such of the Public wants as are the most pressing; and your Committee after a very careful investigation, have come to the conclusion that the same may be most advantageously disposed of in the following manner.

First. One large Court Room with its Judges Chambers, Clerks Office and Jury Rooms, for the use of one or more of the higher Courts

Second. One smaller Court Room for the Surrogate, with an Office adjoining for the records of Wills and other documents relating to the estates of deceased persons.

Third. One Court Room for the Marine Court with a Clerk's Office and Jury Room, instead of the present subteranean abode of that tribunal.

Fourth. A more appropriate and commodious apartment for the Grand Jury with a Chamber for the witnesses and others in attendance.

According to the estimates submitted to the Committee the expence of these alterations will not exceed Five thousand dollars—Your Committee therefore offer the following resolution for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved that the Committees on Repairs and Public Offices be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause so much of the [156] building on Chambers street called the Institution as may be necessary for the purpose to be fitted up agreeably to the plan stated in the above Report and the sum of Five thousand Dollars is appropriated to carry this Resolution into effect

James I Roosevelt Jr
James N Wells
David Bryson
Thos Jeremiah
Thomas T Woodruff

Alderman Mott moved that the Report be laid on the Table. The Question being taken thereon the Ayes & Noes being required by Mr Roosevelt it passed in the Negative, the Members voting as follows.

In the Affirmative Ald Mott Strong Mandeville 3

In the Negative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Stevens I Brown B M Brown Wells Marsh Lee, Woodruff Mr Roosevelt Seymour Bryson, Beadel Rogers, Jeremiah Dibble[e] Cooper Engs 18

[157] The Question was then taken on Adopting the Report and it was carried in the Affirmative—Alderman Strong gave notice of Re-consideration—A motion was then made that when the Board adjourn, they adjourn to meet on Monday next. Alderman Strong then withdrew his notice of Reconsideration—The question was then taken on the Adjournment and it passed in the Negative.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Morss to purchase a Gore of ground on 12th Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Morss for the purchase of a small Gore of Land on Twelfth street

Respectfully Report

That the said Gore became the property of the Corporation by the proceedings for opening 12th Street between Broadway and the Bowery at the Assessed value of $51,6 4/100 and that the Petitioner is the owner of the adjoining land. They recommend therefore that the said Gore be sold to the Petitioner for the said price with the interest due thereon, and they offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board prepare a Deed to John Morss for the said Gore he paying therefor the said sum of $51.64. [158] with interest as above and with the expences of the Deed, and that the said Deed be authenticated in the usual mode during the recess of the Board

W Seaman
Wm W Mott
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Michael Dougherty to be exonerated from his Contract as Lessee of Districts No 4 & 7 Public Slips presented the following Report accompanied with an Ordinance.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Michael Dougherty relative to two of the Districts of the Public Docks and Slips beg leave to Report

That the several Districts into which the Public Docks & Slips are divided were Leased at Auction under their direction on the 28th day of April last. The annexed statement contains the names of the several Lessees and of the Sureties offered by them and the sums for which the said Districts were respectively leased for the ensuing year.

[159] It appears that Districts Nos 4 & 7 were struck off to William H Hoople, the first for $6000, and the other for $9900, and that Michael Dougherty and Losee Van Nostrand were the sureties proposed for the said two Districts—The said Michael Dougherty has presented a Petition to the Board stating that he became the purchaser of the said two Districts and praying the Corporation to take one of them off his hands upon such terms as they might think right and just.

In consequence of this application the Committee directed the Leases and Bond for the said two Districts to be tendered without delay to the parties whose names had been given as Lessees and sureties; and they are informed that Mr Hoople alth'o he admitted himself to be the Lessee, refused to execute the papers, on the ground that Mr Dougherty was the person actually interested in the Leases, and that he had only allowed his name to be used at Mr Doughertys request—Mr Van Nostrand also refused to execute the Bond as a surety—Under these circumstances the Committee are of opinion that Mr Hoople & Mr Dougherty are at all events liable, and as the terms have not been complied with by giving the Bond with sureties and executing the Lease, and as the Committee see no good reason for granting the prayer of Mr Doughertys [160] Petition, they recommend as the proper course that the parties be duly notified that unless the said terms be complied with by a given day the said Districts will be advertised for Sale and sold on their account, and that they will be held liable for any deficiency between the amounts for which they may be struck off at such re-sale, and the amounts for which they were sold on the 28th of April last.

The Committee would also inform the Board that by the terms upon which the said Public Docks & Slips we[re] so leased Spring Street Slip was reserved exclusively for Market Boats and Small Boats—as no Ordinance has yet been passed for this purpose, they beg leave to submit One and recommend its passage.

The Committee conclude by offering the following Resolutions.

Resolved that the Comptroller give notice as hereinbefore mentioned to the Lessee and proposed Sureties for Districts N° 4 and 7 of Public Docks and Slips, and that if the same be not complied with, the said Districts be Resold under the direction of the Finance Committee for and on account of the parties concerned, and that the said Committee have a general discretion in the premises.

[161] Resolved that the Ordinance hereunto annexed be passed

W Seaman
Wm W Mott
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted. The Ordinance was passed in the following words.

The Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened do ordain as follows.

No person shall bring any Vessel or Vessels whatsoever (except Market Boats and other small Boats) within the Slip belonging to the Corporation at the foot of Spring street, under the penalty of Five Dollars for every such Offence.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Lawrence Wiseburn for Stall N° 8 Greenwich Market presented the following Report.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Lawrence Wiseburn for a Butchers Licence for Stall N° 8 Greenwich Market Beg leave respectfully to Report

That the same is accompanied with the [162] necessary consent of Charles Gillman the present occupant. They therefore offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Board

Resolved that a Butcher's Licence be granted to Lawrence Wiseburn for Stall N° 8 Greenwich Market—Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
W Seaman
Jonª Seymour
David Marsh
Bernard J Meserole

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee presented the following Report relative to the Sale of Stalls in Tompkins Market.

The Market Committee Report that on the 8th of this month Tompkins Market was opened for the first time, the Committee having previously disposed of Six Butchers Stalls in said Market for one year agreeably to the annexed Advertisement at the following prices & rent

| | | Premium | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No 1 | John Flock ..... | $400, | and | $50 | Annual Rent |
| 2. | John Davenport ..... | 400, | " | 50 | " |
| 3. | Jacob Evans ..... | 250, | " | 40 | " |
| 4. | Asa W Wesson..... | 350, | " | 40. | " |
| 5. | John Boscawen ..... | 350, | " | 50. | " |
| 6. | Romeo Thompson ..... | 350, | " | 50 | |
| | Premiums | $2000, | | $280 | Rent |

[163] The amount of Two thousand Dollars have been received by the Collector of the City Revenue, in Cash previous to the Stands being occupied. The Committee offer the following for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that Butchers Licence be granted to the above named Six butchers for Stalls in Tompkins Market agreeable to the above Report

Benjamin M Brown
W Seaman
Jnos Seymour
David Marsh
Bernard J Meserole

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petitions for and against the removal of Engine No 48 to 13th Street presented the following Report against removing the same.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the several Petitions for and against the removal of Fire Engine No 48, to 13th Street beg leave Respectfully to Report

That your Committee some time since on the presentation of a Petition to remove the same from its late location on 19th Street on account of the difficulty of access to the same, endeavoured but [164] without success to procure a suitable location on the 8th Avenue the Corporation owning a Gore of Land on 13th Street Your Committee reported in favor of the same which was adopted by the Board, and in the opinion of your Committee afford facilities of removing the

Engine to any part of the City greater than its late location and protecting as important a part of the property of the Citizens. Your Committee offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to remove Fire Engine Co No 48 from its present location *on* [to] 13th Street.

Benjamin M Brown
James Palmer
P. W Engs
Samuel Stevens
John Rogers
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Inhabitants of 14th Ward complaining of riotous assemblage of Boys at Engine No 40 presented the following Report.

[165] The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Inhabitants of 14th Ward complaining of Riotous Assemblage of Boys at the Engine House No 40 beg leave

Respectfully to Report.

That the Petition sets forth, that the boys assemble at and about the said Engine house, but more especially complain of a great noise being made on the Sabbath day insulting females and some times fighting & using most indecent and profane language, but your Committee do not think that the above complaint is a proper subject to be referred to them, & that the remedy is provided for by the Laws. They offer the following Resolution. Resolved that the above Petition be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 14th Ward.

Benjamin M Brown
P. W Engs
Samuel Stevens
John Rogers
James Palmer

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted and it was accordingly referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 14th Ward.

The Committee on the Fire Department [166] to whom was referred the Petition of Engine Company No 46 for increase of Men presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred

the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 46 for an increase of the number of the Firemen attached to the same.

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion from the location of the Engine viz$^{t}$ on 25$^{th}$ Street near the 3$^{d}$ Avenue much good would result from having a full complement of men to the same.

They accordingly offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be directed to Report as Members of Fire Engine Company N° 46 the usual complement of men viz$^{t}$ Twenty six men

Benjamin M Brown
P. W Engs
James Palmer
Samuel Stevens
Jn° Rogers
W Scott

Which was approved and the resolution adopted

The Committee on Common [167] Schools presented a Report relative to the annual appropriation for the support of the Common Schools.

The Committee on Common Schools Report.

The "Commissioners of School money" for this County are required by Law, to make the annual distribution on or before the first day of June. The Chamberlain of the City has received from Albany Ten thousand two hundred and seventy four Dollars 69 Cents being our share of the State Fund for this year. The revised Statutes require the Corporation to place a like sum to the credit of the "Commissioners of School money" in one of the Incorporated Banks on or before the first day of May and by a Statute of 1829 the Corporation are empowered to raise an additional sum equal to one eightieth of One per Cent on all the taxable property of the City this Tax has been levyed and amounts to Fourteen thousand and seventy one dollars, the Committee therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller Report a Warrant for Twenty four thousand three hundred and forty five dollars 69 Cents and place the same in the Mechanics Bank to the credit of the "Commissioners of School Money"

G Lee
[168] Jn° Rogers
Fyler Dibblee
David Bryson
Henry Arcularius

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted and the Comptroller directed to Report a Warrant for the sum of $24.345 $^{69}/_{100}$ agreeably thereto

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the Sidewalks of Norfolk street between Rivington & North streets paved presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition to have the Side walks of Norfolk street paved between Rivington *to* [&] North street, Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted—And accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Side walks of Norfolk street be regulated and paved from Rivington street to North street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott

[169] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel D Smith & others to have Iron pipes laid across Greenwich street to convey water by surface gutters off that Street presented the following Report against the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel D Smith and others to have tunnels or Iron pipes laid across Greenwich street, at the several intersecting Streets as a substitute for the present mode of conveying the water by surface Gutters over that Street.

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners, and therefore submit the following resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

Alderman B M Brown agreeably to notice given moved that the Board reconsider the [170] *the* Vote taken on the 3$^{d}$ May upon the Resolution proposed by M$^{r}$ Engs in relation to a Location for a Jail

& Bridewell which was agreed to Alderman Stevens moved that the subject be referred back—Alderman Mott moved that the same be laid on the Table—The question being taken on Alderman Motts motion it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Burton street paved between Bleecker and Bedford streets presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Burton street paved between Bleecker street and Bedford street

Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that so much of Burton street as remains unpaved be regulated & Paved.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[171] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of L Deforeest & others to have Stone street repaved between Broad street and White hall street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to repave that part of Stone street lying between Broad street and White Hall street Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion that part of Stone street ought to be repaved —and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that Stone street be repaved from Broad street to White Hall street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto Viz[t]

For building a Sewer and repaving part of Stone street and Abra-

ham Bloodgood Cornelius J Roosevelt & Pine Hopkins were appointed Assessors.

[172] For paving Burton street between Bleecker and Bedford streets and Gideon Tucker Everardus Warner and Gabriel Van Cotts were Appointed Assessors.

For paving Side walks of Norfolk street from Rivington to North street and David Lyon, William Lockwood and Charles Dusenbery were appointed Assessors.

For re-paving Stone street from Broad street to White Hall street and John Lozier, Abraham Baudoine & Jacob S Baker were appointed Assessors.

The Alderman and Assistant of the first Ward to whom was referred the resignation of Henry Brevoort Jun$^{r}$ as one of the School Commissioner of said Ward presented the following Report.

The Alderman and Assistant of the first Ward to whom was referred the resignation of Henry Brevoort as one of the Commissioners of School money Report

The following Resolution

Resolved that Francis Olmsted of the first Ward be and he is hereby [173] appointed one of the Commissioners of School money for the City of New York

Peter J Nevius
James I Roosevelt J$^{r}$

Which was approved and he was accordingly appointed.

M$^{r}$ Bryson rose in his place and stated that he begged leave to resign the Office which he held as Commissioner of School money for the Fourth ward. The Question being taken thereon the Resignation of M$^{r}$ Bryson was accepted—M$^{r}$ George E Smith was then nominated to fill the vacancy occasioned by M$^{r}$ Bryson['s] resignation, and on the question being taken thereon it was unanimously agreed to, and he was appointed accordingly.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 12$^{th}$ Ward to whom was referred the resignation of Isaac Duyckman as Commissioner of School money presented the following Report

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Resignation of Isaac Duyckman Report the annexed Resolution for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved that Isaac L Varian is hereby appointed Commissioner

of School money for the [174] Twelfth Ward in the place of Isaac Dyckman Resigned

G Lee
Peter Cooper

Which was approved the Resolution adopted and he was accordingly appointed

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of Alderman Stevens relating to the supply of Water by the Manhattan Company presented a Report which was Laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Special Committee on Pauperism presented a Report relative to the purchase of Barn Island as a suitable place for a Farm connected with the Alms House which was laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members

Alderman Lee presented the following Resolution which was agreed to.

Resolved that the Commissioners of the Alms House be requested to detach from Thirty to Fifty prisoners from Blackwells Island to work on the 3d Avenue and that they be empowered to appoint a suitable number of Keepers to [175] take charge of them.

On Motion of Alderman Strong the Report of the Committee on Assessments on the Petition of the Trustees of La Fayette Fire Insurance Company laid on the Table on 5th April last was called up, and on Motion was referred back to the same Committee.

On Motion the Report of the Committee on Assessments upon the Petition of Owners of Williamsburgh Ferry for relief from Tax which was Laid on the Table on 22d February last was called up and read as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Remsen and others owners of the Williamsburgh Ferry, to be relieved from a Tax on the property of the Company

Respectfully Report.

That several of the Proprietors appeared before the Committee, and stated that they were not an incorporated Company, but merely an association holding the Ferry in their individual right; and that the Amount of their individual interests in the Ferry were assessed to each, with the residue of their personal property.

From the above statement the [176] Committee are of opinion that the Tax imposed on the Association is erroneous inasmuch as the

proprietors are otherwise assessed for the same. and believing that it cannot legally be recovered, offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax on the amount of $25,000 imposed on the property of the Williamsburgh Ferry Company be and the same is hereby remitted

George D Strong
Henry Arcularius
Thos Jeremiah
Jonas Seymour

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

Mr Mandeville agreeably to notice given moved that the Board now Reconsider the vote given on the 17th Inst adopting the 3d Resolution of the Report of the Joint Committee on Repairs & Arts & Sciences on the Resolution relative to the Alteration of the Cupola on the City Hall and the appropriation therefor—The question being taken will the Board reconsider the said Vote, it passed in the Negative.

Alderman Mott presented the [177] following Resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committee to inquire into the expediency of repaving Nassau street from the Intersection of Beekman to Spruce street.

The Comptroller presented the following Cash Account.

| | |
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| Balance as per Act 17th Inst | 512.45 |
| Recd for Tax of 1829 | 12.403. |
| " " Rents | 6.284.83 |
| " " Lottery Licences | 1.000. |
| " " Police Office | 743.63 |
| " " Public Administrator | 281.08 |
| " " Commutation Alien Passengers | 107.50 |
| " " Clerk of Sessions fees | 98.44 |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 48. |
| " " Justices Courts | 22.26 |
| | $21.501.19 |

58 Accounts Audited & directed to be paid

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| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st Dist | | 1386. |
| Astin & Field do 2d | | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring Do 3d | | 945. |
| T. J Waters Clerk Comptrollers Office 1 Qr 24 May | | 250. |
| O Ayres & J Coffin Asst City Inspectors | 1 Mo 1 June | 117. |
| Astin & Higbee Asst Keepers City Hall | " " | 77.50 |
| [178] C Myers Keeper Pottersfield | " " | 69.75 |

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| T *Austin* [Asten] Strt | Inspector | 1 Ward | | 1 Mo | 1 June | 46.50 |
| T Woolcocks | Do | 2d | | " | " | 46.50 |
| J. B Ebbetts | Do | 3d | | " | " | 46.50 |
| N B Lyon | Do | 4th | | " | " | 46.50 |
| I. A Isaacs | Do | 5th | | " | " | 46.50 |
| A Morris | Do | 6th | | " | " | 46.50 |
| F Gantz | Do | 7th | | " | " | 46.50 |
| Wm G Babb | Do | 8th | | " | " | 46.50 |
| H B Roome | Do | 9th | | " | " | 46.50 |
| T Austin | Do | 10th | | " | " | 46.50 |
| A Hatfield | Do | 11th | | " | " | 46.50 |
| E Kingsland | Do | 12th | | " | " | 46.50 |
| D Hubbard | Do | 13th | | " | " | 46.50 |
| P. Field | Do | 14th | | " | " | 46.50 |
| J Morton Clerk C C for Hack Accounts | | | | | | 53.37 |
| George Duryea Clerk | Fulton | | Market | " | " | 87.86 |
| L Baum do | Washington | | do | " | " | 80.67 |
| J Bremner Do | Catharine | | Do | " | " | 62. |
| J M Devoy Do | 3 | | Do | " | " | 58.50 |
| J Gilbert do | Clinton & Greenwich | | do | " | " | 56.56 |
| S Fleet Do | Centre | | Do | " | " | 49. |
| R Smith Do | Franklin | | Do | " | " | 38.75 |
| Jas Seaman Do | Manhattan | | Do | " | " | 31. |
| J Pinckney & A Parker Asst Board of Health | | | | " | " | 104. |
| J Coffin Asst City Inspectr removs Nuisances | | | | " | " | 29.31 |
| [179] A Leggett Super Mud Scow 2 weeks to 30 May | | | | | | 136.53 |
| Saml Judd 27 Casks Oil | | | | | | 1628.55 |
| G Snethen Lights Lamps | | | | 1 Mo | 1 June | 1362.65 |
| R Provoost painting & glazing Lamps & | | | | " | " | 81.02 |
| J Hays for Officers Extra Service Police 1 Qr 26 May | | | | | | 237.83 |
| J Hays for do conveying persons to City Prison 1 Qr 1 May | | | | | | 237. |
| J Hays do do to Penitentiary & House of Refuge | | | | | | 12. |
| Abm M Valentine late Special Justice 14 days Salary to 26 May | | | | | | 61.37 |
| Ogden Hoffman Dist Atty Salary 1 Qr 25 May | | | | | | 750. |
| D. T. Valentine Marshal Marine Court 1 Mo 1 June | | | | | | 32,50 |
| Wm Isaacs Acting Clk Justices Court 5. 8. 14 Wards 18 days in May | | | | | | 36.98 |
| Silvanus Miller Public Administrator Salary 1 Year 1 May 1830 | | | | | | 1250. |
| Geo: Lovett bal filling & reg 3d St fm Avenue A to Lewis St | | | | | | 4439.80 |
| T Cummings Actt reg 21st St fm 5 Avenue to Hudson River | | | | | | 1000. |
| R Pettigrew bal reg & pavg 8. 9. 10. 11 Sts between Bowery & 3d Avenue | | | | | | 957.33 |

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| A Bloodgood & 30 Associates for Assessing reg & pavg sundry Streets and Wells & Pumps fm 14 Dcr 1829 to 24 May 1830 | 631.50 | |
| R Pettigrew bal repavg Pine fm Nassau to Pearl St | 113.31 | |
| P. Smith bal repavg Provoost St bwn Hudson & Greenwich St | 54.88 | |
| Abm Storms 1st 2d & 3d payt building Bulkhead at James Slip | 1346.88 | |
| Mercantile Advertiser for advertisg to redeem on Sale 13th Oct 1828 for Nonpayt of Assessments & in Albany Argus | 54.62 | |
| Thos S Richards 50 Iron Pipes for Public Reservoir | 720. | |
| L Murray Treasr City Dispensary for Vaccine Dept ordd 17 Inst | 600. | |
| J Groshon Treas Northern Dispensary " " | 200. | |
| C Gillman Keeper of Battery 17 days in May | 21.25 | |
| [180] A McCready Keeper of Park 17 days in May | 21.25 | |
| J. C Osborn Keeper of Washington Square 17 days in May | 12.75 | 21.141.21 |
| Balance | | $359.98 |

Board Adjourned to Monday the 14th day of June next.

[181] In Common Council June 14, 1830

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
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| Peter J Nevius | James I Roosevelt Jr |
| William W Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| George D Strong | Henry Arcularius |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M Brown | Joseph M Beadel |
| James N Wells | John Rogers |
| Bernard J Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| James Palmer | Fyler Dibblee |
| Thomas T Woodruff | John Lovett |
| | Philip W Engs |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Alderman Meserole presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to make suitable arrangements for the Celebration [182] of the ensuing Anniversary of our Independance The Mayor appointed on that Committee Alderman Meserole Seaman Mr Mandeville Alderman B M Brown Nevius.

Mr Roosevelt presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that the Keeper of the City Prison for the time being shall be the Keeper of the Public Pound in the vicinity of the Gaol and any provision of any Ordinance inconsistent with this Resolution is hereby repealed.

A Petition of John Sidell First Marshall for permission to assign places for Booths for the ensuing 4th July without the profits was read and referred to the Committee of Arrangements for celebrating 4th July

Alderman Palmer presented a Resolution respecting the Portraits in the Hall and also to prohibit the sale of Spiritous liquors in the Booths on the 5th July next which were read and no order taken on them.

[183] Alderman B M Brown presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council be requested to mark off as resigned such names as may appear as Firemen on the Register kept in his Office, but who are not returned on the Annual Report of the Chief Engineer.

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution Resolved that the Committee on Repairs enquire and Report to this Board, whether it is not advisable to adopt for the use of our Public Wells the cast Iron Pump in the place of those now in use, and they ascertain the Cost of such as are now used in Albany

Mr Dibblee presented the following

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorised to procure a sample Iron Pump from Messrs J. & J Townsend at Albany with a view to the introduction of them into this City should it be found expedient. Also a letter from the Mayor of Albany—When the whole were referred to the Committee on Repairs.

A Communication was received from Robert Bogardus withdrawing his Name [184] from a Petition to have Cherry Street widened from Catharine street to James Slip was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Communication was received from Jameson Cox Collector of Assessments resigning said Office was read and accepted.

A Petition of Jonathan Lyon relative to the Completion of West street from Hammond to Jane street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Communication from John Leveridge Esq[r] praying that a Settlement may be made with the persons who became Bail for the discharge of the Sheriff of Richmond County in 1826 was read and referred to the Law Committee.

A Petition of the Trustees of Columbia College praying that the Engine House in Murray street near the Corner of Chapel street may be removed and a surrender made of the ground on which said House stands was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

[185] A Petition of Doc[r] F Pascalis praying for the establishment of a Registry of Births Marriages and Deaths in the City of New York was read and referred to the Police Committee with power to print the same.

A Communication was received from John W Merrit stating that he has acted for the late Attorney Lemuel Smith during his illness, that there is much business now pending in the different Ward Courts, and suggesting the propriety of specially authorizing some person to take charge of the unfinished business of that Office.

Whereupon Alderman B M Brown presented the following which was adopted.

Whereas in consequence of the death of Lemuel Smith Esq[r] the Attorney of this Board, that Office has become vacant.

Resolved that the duties of the said Office be discharged by the Counsel of the Board during the pleasure of the Common Council.

A Petition of George G Coffin & others for an Election for Alderman in the Fifth ward in the place of David Rogers Esq[r] who is now absent was read and Laid on the Table.

[186] A Petition of Saul Alley & others to have Pine street widened at the corner of William street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Suydam and others to repave South street between Old and Coenties Slip was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of J Conrey presenting various charges against Resolvent Stephens Clerk in the Police Office for purchasing goods supposed to be stolen from prisoners not accounting for such property in the Police Office &c &c was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of George W Skellorn late Keeper of the City Prison to be remunerated for certain monies paid for retaking Prisoners who escaped from Bridewell was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of William Sinclair for Lease of the Rotunda for any time deemed proper to exhibit Panoramic views was read and Laid on the Table.

[187] A Petition of Edward Jones to have Dover street widened from Water to South street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Gilbert S Mount and others for the extension of the Piers on the East and West side of James Slip was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of John C Ackerman J Darrow, Daniel Riker & Anthony Fick severally to be appointed to the Office of Wood Inspector were read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of M^rs T Turk for permission to place a Cistern in Liberty street and another in William street opposite her premises was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Isaac Leach to have a Penalty remitted on a judgment obtained against him for a Nuisance in 16^th Street he having paid the Costs of Court and fees of the Corporation Attorney were read and referred to the Police Committee.

[188] A Petition of William Carver for a Donation from the Corporation was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

A Communication from Jameson Cox Register of Deeds &c in relation to the propriety of having a Fire Proof Building for the Records &c was read and referred to the Committee on Repairs & Public Offices.

A Petition of Henry Pratt Lessee of District N° 4 Public Docks for a deduction of Rent was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Abijah Arden and others for a Gore of ground on Ann street adjoining their property was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Richard D Titus to be relieved from a Fine for driving a Cart for a Licensed Cartman was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Jeremiah F Craig to be reinstated in Fire Company N° 8 was [189] read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Jacob Manolt to transfer Stall N° 16 Fulton Market to Albert W Smith was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Albert W Smith to transfer Stall N° 14 Fulton Market to Joseph Smith was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Remonstrance of several of the Members of Fire Engine C° N° 13 against the appointment of David Wilson as a member thereof was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Meletiah Nash praying to be appointed Superintendent of the Observatory and Clock on the City Hall was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Martha Williams and others for regulating and paving Clarkson street between Washington and West streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[190] A Petition of John Devlin and Michael Tally for payment of contract for paving and regulating Barrow street from Sixth Avenue to that part formerly called Reason street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Eliza Archibald praying that her husband may be released from the payment of a Fine and also from Jail for selling Liquors without Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of William Poe to be appointed one of the City Guagers was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Charles Henry Hall for paving part of 6th Street between 2d & 3d Avenue, also a small street in rear of Tompkins Market was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of James Bennett & others to have 21st Street paved between 7th & 9th Avenues was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[191] A Petition of James H Lyon & others to have a house removed that encroaches on the Street N° 230 Elizabeth Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John F Delaplaine to have Bloomingdale Road regulated to 21st Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William J Pinckney and others to widen Side walks in Elizabeth street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Chief Engineer presented the following return of Firemen, which was read the appointments made and the resignations accepted with the exception of the returns from Engine C°s N° 8 & N° 13 which were referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Fire Engine C°

N° 1

William Howard—Blind maker 35 Bridge S^t^

V^c^ Josiah M Foote Resigned

Caleb F Lathrop Resigned

N° 5

Benjamin Varick—Cooper 23 Liberty Street

V^c^ John F Havens Time Expired

[192] N° 6

Charles Hoffmire—Coach painter 60 Provoost S^t^

to fill the Company.

N° 15

Joseph W Abrahams Carpenter Mott Street

to fill the Company.

N° 28

James C Robinson Tanner 127 Centre S^t^

V^c^ James C Haff. Resigned

John L Spinolla—Accountant 200 Chambers S^t^ to fill the Company.

N° 33

James Palmer Carpenter 475 Cherry S^t^

V^c^ James Garson—Resigned

N° 35

Charles Henry Hall Gentleman Harlaem

V^c^ Andrew M^c^Gown Resigned

Dewitt C Loyd Cordwainer Harlaem V^c^ Peter Poillon Resigned

John James Cabinet Maker Harlaem
Sidney Udell Carpenter Harlaem } To fill the Company

N° 36

Thomas M Day Carpenter 37 Macdougal S^t^

V^c^ Joseph C Conklin Resigned

[193] Joshua W. Dickson
Mason 265 Hudson Street
John Westerfield Mason 13 Watts Street
Daniel Hogencamp Carpenter 25 Charlton S^t^ } To fill the Company

N° 40

Stephen White Glass cutter 38 Ludlow Street

V^c^ Beal L Dean Expelled

Richard Willis Glass cutter 85 Elizabeth St
William H Van Outersterp Cartman
88 Mott Street
} To fill the Company.

Fire Hook & Ladder Co
No 6

Thomas Higgins Carpenter 103 Clinton St
Vc John L Spinola Resigned.

Fire Wardens Co
6th Ward

Beal L Dean Cordwainer Elizabeth St
Vc John Eagle—Time Expired

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for the correction of sundry Nuisances.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports [194] the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Vizt

| No | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1. Peter A Jay | owner | | Stanton Co Norfolk St | Lots |
| | 2. Nichs Fish | " | | W side Avenue B | Plot of ground |
| | 3. Augustus Wynkoop | " | | North St | Yard |
| | 4. Estate of Thos Gardner | " | | Norfolk St | Lots |
| | 5. Manhattan Bank | " | | Mercer St | Lots |
| | 6. Elbert Herring | " | | Green St | do |
| | 7. John R Livingston | " | | Pitt St | Do |
| | 8. Peter Ogilvie | " | | W side Willet St | Do |
| | 9. Do | " | | E side " | Do |
| | 10. Do | " | | W side Sheriff | Do |
| | 11. Henry Pray | " | | N side Hammond | Yard |
| | 12. Walter Bowne | " | | W side Willet | Lot |
| | 13. E E Bancker | " | | E side Suffolk | Yard |
| | 14. James Goodman | " | | N W Cor Essex & Stanton | Lot |
| | 15. W & G Post | " | 44 | Essex St | do |
| | 16. Chester Jennings | " | | S side Lombardy St | Lots |
| | 17. Charles Lawrence | " | | N side Harman St | Lots |
| | 18. Robert Tillotson & wife | " | | W side Gouverneur St | Lot |
| | 19. Marinus Willet | " | 452 | Grand St | Cellar |
| | 20. E N Bibby | " | | W side Gouverneur St | Lot |
| | 21. Maria C Gouverneur | " | | Do | Do |
| | 22 Saml L Gouverneur | " | | Do | Do |
| | 23. Louisa A Verplank | " | | Do | Do |
| | 24. Robert Tillotson | " | | Do | Lots |
| | 25. E N Bibby | " | | Do | Do |
| | 26 Maria C Gouverneur | " | | Do | Do |
| | 27. [195] Saml L Gouverneur | " | | Do | " |
| | 28. Robt Tillotson & wife | " | | Do | " |

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| 29. | Marie C Gouverneur | Owner | N side Harman St | Lot |
| 30. | Stephen Whitney | " | S W cor Lombardy & Gouverneur St | Lots |
| 31. | Do | " | N W cor do | " |
| 32. | Elijah Applegate | " | N side Henry St | " |
| 33. | Isaac T Ludlum | " | do | " |
| 34. | Do | " | S side Do | " |
| 35. | Samuel Rathbone Henry Bender | " & Occupant | No 8 Desbrosses St | Yard & Stable |

I Warren
City Inspector

Which were passed

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well & Pump in Seventeenth street near the 8th Avenue which was confirmed and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

The Committees on Public Offices and Repairs presented a Report on the subject of the removal of the Court of Sessions from the Sessions Hall accompanied with the following Resolution. "Resolved that the holding of the said Courts in the City Hall is contrary to the Ordinances of this Common Council and the Mayor is hereby requested to communicate this Resolution to the presiding Judges [196] of the said Courts respectively."

The Report was opposed on the ground that the subject had not been referred to the Committee. A considerable debate arose thereon, and a Motion was made to refer back the Report and Resolution which was lost. A motion was made to reject the whole, but no question was taken thereon. A motion was then made to refer the Resolution independant of the Report to the same Committee, the question being taken thereon the Board was equally divided, and the Mayor gave his Vote in the Affirmative, so the Resolution was referred back. A motion was then made to reject the Report which the Mayor declared out of order.

The Special Committee on subject of the Mandamus from the Supreme Court in relation to the Election of David Rogers as Alderman of the 5th Ward presented a Report. The same was objected to on the ground that the Report was made without the knowledge of two of the Committee, considerable debate arose thereon and it was finally referred back to the same Committee. Alderman Seaman & Mr Bryson requested to be discharged from the Committee but the Board refused to grant their request [197] On Motion of Mr Bryson the Committee was directed to Report at the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips presented a Report relative to building Piers at Barrow street which was read and Laid on the Table.

Alderman Strong presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Committee of Arrangements to Report thereon.

Resolved that John Sidell, Jacob Hays Douw D Williamson and John Ahern receive the Amount received from the Booths on the ensuing Anniversary of our Independance.

Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was Adopted.

Resolved that in all cases where the purchasers of any of the State Prison Lots who may have given Bonds and Mortgages to secure the purchase Money for the same shall request such Bonds & Mortgages to be assigned over to any other person, such Assignments may be executed and authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board and may be delivered by the Comptroller to such Assignees on payment of the [198] amount due for principal and interest on such Bonds and Mortgages together with the expences of such assignments.

The Comptroller presented the following Cash account.

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| Balance per Acct$^{t}$ 31 May | 359.98 |
| Rec$^{d}$ for Tavren Licences | 16.976. |
| " " Streets | 9.823.59 |
| " " Rents | 5.768.94 |
| " " Auction Sales | 2.500. |
| " " Street Manure rec$^{d}$ for May | 2.847, |
| " " Commutation Alien Passengers | 1.452.50 |
| " " Fines of Attorney | 647.17 |
| " " Justices Courts | 613.22 |
| " " Arrears of Tax | 336.10 |
| " " Wells & Pumps | 142.10 |
| " " Superior Court fees | 101.25 |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 92.75 |
| " " District Attorneys fees | 90.61 |
| " " Commutation Quaker fines | 71.70 |
| | $49.937.79 |

41 Accounts audited & directed to be paid.

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| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1$^{st}$ Dist$^{t}$ | $1386. |
| Astin & Field 2$^{d}$ " | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring 3$^{d}$ " | 945. |
| U Wenman Chief Engineer 1 Q$^{r}$ Salary 8 June | 200. |
| [199] D Hageman Superd$^{t}$ Wharves 1 Q$^{r}$ 5 June | 150. |

John L Cregier Clerk issuing Tavren Licences 28 days.... 56.
William Bleecker do Do " .... 56.
N Ludlum & H C Porter Marshals 13th Ward attends do 2 days each..... 6.
G W Skellorn late Keeper City Prison & 2 Depts Salary 1 Mo 1 June..... 166.66
Abm Leggett Super Mud Scow 2 weeks 13 June..... 149.09
Valleau & Flander 84 days Superdts cleansing Sewers..... 126.
J M Bloodgood Superdt Streets Expences 1 Mo 1 June.... 3183.98
A Dally & Associates Comrs fees &c opens 5th Avenue fm 13th to 21st St 419.28
R Emmet Attorneys Costs &c do Do 261.48
S Parker & Associates Comrs fees &c widns Jacob St bn Frankfort & Ferry St 101.
R Emmet Attorneys Costs &c Do Do 236.98
S Purdy & Associates Comrs fees &c opens 11th St fm Broadway to Greenwich Lane 571.59
R Emmet Attorneys Costs &c Do Do 372.63
J Slidell & Associates Comrs fees &c Opens 6th St fm Broadway to Bowery abandoned.. 230.50
J Leonard & Associates " fees &c opens 17th St fm 3d to 6th Avenue refd to New Commissioners..... 455.05
T Cummings bal reg 21st St fm 5th Avenue to Hudson River ..... 508.05
M Tally Actt reg & pavs Troy St fm Greenwich Lane to Asylum St ..... 250.
T Cummings Actt reg 19th & 20th Sts between 6th & 8th Avenue ..... 250.
J Lyon Actt reg & pavs Greenwich St fm Bank St to Kill Road ..... 200.
J Pinkerton Actt pavs Side walks Amity near McDougall St..... 100.
Eben Smith bal builds Tompkins Market..... 1550.
Wm Hockman repairs sundry Piers..... 1427.19
John Clark filling sundry Piers with Stone..... 55.12
R Graves St Comr Actt repairs Roads..... 500.
R Graves do Actt MacAdamizing 3d Avenue..... 500.
R Graves do Actt works 86th St fm 3d Avenue to E [200] River ..... 155.84
R Graves do Actt expenditures on Public Lands & Places ..... 500.
R Philips & J Winton Marshals 7 Ward attends issuing Tavren Licences 3 days each..... 9.
Jacob P Roome Super Repairs for Fire Dept..... 1918.
J. P. Roome Do Docks & Slips..... 1046.
J. P. Roome Do Pumps ..... 553.
J. P. Roome Do Repairs ..... 356.
J. P. Roome Do Markets ..... 350.
J. P Roome Do Watch ..... 113.

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| A Burtis Super Alms House for Alms House..... | 5000. | |
| Commissioners of School Money for 1830..... | 24345.69 | 49.754.13 |
| Balance | | $283.66 |

Board Adjourned to Monday next at 5 OClock P M.

[201] In Common Council June 21—1830

(Adjourned Meeting)

Present. The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
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| Peter J Nevius | James I Roosevelt Jr |
| William W Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| George D Strong | Henry Arcularius |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M Brown | Joseph W Beadel |
| James N Wells | John Rogers |
| Bernard J Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| James Palmer | Fyler Dibblee |
| Thomas T Woodruff | John Lovett |
| | Philip W Engs |

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The unfinished busines of the last Meeting was taken up.

[202] The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of Repairing that part of Nassau street lying between Beekman & Spruce street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of Repaving that part of Nassau street lying between Beekman and Spruce streets.

Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion that part of Nassau street ought to be repaved and therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that Nassau street be repaved from Beekman street to Spruce street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
John Lovett
George D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Anthony Tieman and others to have sunken Grounds between 17th & 23d Streets and Bloomingdale road and along Westerly side of 5th Avenue filled in, presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was [203] referred the annexed petition of Anthony Tieman and others to have the sunken grounds filled in between 17th and 23d Streets and the Bloomingdale road and on and along the Westerly side of the 5th Avenue.

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the Petitioners have just cause of Complaint, and the evil complained of ought to be forthwith remedied, and as part of the sunken grounds complained of are in 18th Street, and as that street has been some time opened, Your Committee would also recommend that 18th Street be regulated from the Bloomingdale Road to the 8th Avenue, and accordingly submit the following Resolutions.

Resolved that the sunken grounds be filled up between the 17th and 23d Streets and the Bloomingdale road, and Two hundred feet Westerly of the 5th Avenue and that the City Inspector have the same carried into effect.

Resolved that Eighteenth Street be filled and regulated from the Bloomingdale Road to the Eighth Avenue and that the Street Commissioner report the draft of an Ordinance in order that the same may be carried into effect

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
[204] John Lovett
George D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of having the Street between 6th & 7th Streets in rear of Tompkins Market paved, also to Report a suitable name for the said Street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of having the Street between the 6th and 7th Streets in the rear of the Tompkins Market paved, and also to Report a suitable name for the said street

Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion that street ought to be paved, and that the Street should be called and known as "Hall street" that being the name

of the proprietor of the ground from whom this Corporation purchased the scite for a Market. Accordingly the following Resolutions are submitted.

Resolved that the Street lying between the 6th and 7th Streets in the rear of the Tompkins Market be regulated and paved

Resolved that the S[t]reet in the rear [205] of the Tompkins Market ground and lying between Sixth and Seventh streets be known and distinguished by the name of Hall Street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
John Lovett
George D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Inhabitants of Gouverneur street to have the side walks paved presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have the Side walks of Governeur street between Harman street and Water street respectfully Report, that in their opinion the Walks of that [street] ought to be paved, and therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Side walks of Governeur street be paved from Harman Street to Water street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
John Lovett
[206] George D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have a nuisance at present existing between First and Second streets and adjoining Avenue B abated presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have a Nuisance at present existing between first and Second streets and adjoining the Avenue B abated Respectfully Report.

That the cause of the evil complained of is a collection of waters on the vacant Lots between First and Second streets, and which in their

opinion ought to be filled up, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the sunken Lots between First and Second streets and adjoining the Avenue B be filled up, and the City Inspector adopt the necessary measures for having the same carried into effect.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
John Lovett
[207] George D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the Side walks of 3d Avenue paved between the Bowery and 13th Streets presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the Side walks of the 3d Avenue paved between the Bowery and 13th Street Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the walk of that Avenue ought to be paved to the Eleventh street and no farther at the present, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Side walks of the Third Avenue be paved from the Bowery to Eleventh street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
John Lovett
George D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom [208] was referred the Petition of Edward Holmes and others to have sunken Lots between the 6th & 7th Avenues and between 16th & 21st Streets filled up presented the following Report.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Edward Holmes and others to have the sunken Lots between the Sixth and Seventh Avenues and between 16th and 21st Streets filled up Respectfully

Report.

That in their opinion the Nuisance complained of ought to be abated, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

[212] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the application of G. B White relative to establishing Baths at Castle Garden presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of George B White praying for permission to place small buildings on the West side of the exterior of Castle Garden for the purpose of warm Sea water baths, and to moor a floating bath and make such use of the Sea water as may be necessary for such purpose.

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion, Public Baths properly conducted, contribute much to the health and comfort of the community, and that the Location proposed by the Petitioner is an eligible one for this purpose. The Committee therefore see no impropriety in giving the Assent of the Corporation to this application provided the Petitioner and the present Lessee of Castle Garden agree on the subject, and provided that such assent be not construed as any permission to erect any building or buildings not authorised by Law. They offer therefore the following Resolution

Resolved that the Petitioner have [213] the permission of the Corporation to establish the Baths proposed by him at Castle Garden so far as the same can be granted without impairing any rights under the existing Lease for that establishment, and so far as such baths or the buildings to be erected therefor may be according to Law.

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
Wm W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Azel S Roe and Hugh Munro for the purchase of a Gore on 12th Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Azel S Roe and Hugh Munro for the purchase of a Gore

Respectfully Report.

That the said Gore became the property of the Corporation by the proceedings for opening 12th Street between Broadway and the Bowery at the estimated price of $16.13 That the Petitioners have by purchase from William W Fisher become the owners of the land adjoining the said Gore and require the same to complete their front on the Street. The Committee therefore offer the following Resolution.

[214] Resolved that the Counsel to the Board prepare a Deed to the Petitioners for the said Gore of Land, they paying for the same the above sum with interest from the 1st day of February 1830 and the expences of the Deed, and that such Deed be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
Peter J Nevius
Wm W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Costar for a renewal of Lease of Lot of common Land in the Twelfth ward presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Costar for a renewal of a Lease held by him for a Lot of the Common Lands, Respectfully

Report.

That there are about three years of the said Lease yet unexpired, and as the Board have uniformly of late refused to extend the terms of unexpired Leases, the Committee see no reason [215] why the present case should form an exception to the rule so adopted—They therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to comply with the prayer of the said Petition.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
Peter J Nevius
Wm W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the application of the Mechanics Society for a remission of rent of the Buildings occupied by the Society presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York praying for a remission of the rent of the ground occupied by the said Society under Lease from the Corporation

Respectfully Report

That the Petitioners occupy a piece of ground fronting on Chamber Street and belonging to the Corporation which was leased to them at

the annual Rent of One hundred and twenty five Dollars. That the Corporation about five years ago, agreed to remit this Rent, for a period lately [216] expired, upon condition that the sum so remitted should be expended in the purchase of Books for the Library established by the said Society on the said premises for the use of Apprentices.

Your Committee on due enquiry have every reason to be satisfied that this condition has been faithfully complied with, and taking into consideration the great and increasing usefulness of the said Society by means of the School established under its auspices for the children of its deceased and indigent members, also of the charity dispensed by it, And more especially by its library, which tends in an eminent degree to disseminate useful knowledge and correct principles among the apprentices of this City, the Committee are of opinion that with a view to encrease the said Library and extend its utility, it would be proper to comply with the prayer of the Petition by continuing to remit the said rent upon the same terms for a further period. They submit therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the annual Rent of $125, reserved in the Lease from the Corporation to the said Mechanics Society for the ground in Chamber street occupied by the buildings of the said Society be remitted for the further term [217] of Seven years from the 1st of May last upon condition that the said amount be annually appropriated by the said Society to the purchase of Books for the Apprentices Library, and that an Annual Report be made on or before the 1st of May of every year during the said seven years by the said Society to the Corporation shewing in what manner such appropriation shall have been made.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
Peter J Nevius
Wm W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the applications of Jonas Platt and David B. Ogden Esqr for Counsel fees in the case of Leake's Will presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the applications of Jonas Platt and of David B Ogden Esqrs for the payment of Counsel fees for their services in the Court of Errors in the case relative to the Will of John G Leake

Respectfully Report

That having heard the statement of Judge Platt and Mr Ogden also of Mr Miller the Public Administrator and of Mr Ulshoeffer the former Counsel to this [218] Board, they are of opinion that those Gentlemen were employed as Counsel in the said cause on behalf of the Corporation, and that they rendered their services under the impression that they should receive compensation from the Corporation. It should be borne also in mind that the decision of the Chancellor in the said cause, was against the validity of the said Will, the effect of which was to give the Corporation a right to receive the whole amount of Mr Leakes personal estate, and that decision being appealed from the Corporation were fully justified in employing Counsel and using every effort to prevent a reversal in the Court of Errors. The amount applied for by Judge Platt is $1250, being the balance of his Account rendered and which is hereunto annexed—The sum claimed by Mr Ogden is $1000, If the result of the cause had been favorable the Committee do not think these amounts would be objectionable, but as the efforts of those gentlemen were not successful and as they have already received fees in the said cause, the Committee think there should be a reduction of the sums claimed. Mr Ogden has already received $250 for services in the Court of Errors and the Committee are of opinion that $500, in addition thereto would be under [219] all circumstances a fair compensation. In like manner they think $500, should be deducted from the sum claimed by Judge Platt which would leave the amount to be received by him at $750. The Committee submit therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to pay to David B Ogden Esquire the sum of Five hundred dollars, and to Jonas Platt Esqr the sum of Seven hundred and fifty Dollars in full for their respective services as Counsel in the late controversy relative to the Will of John G Leake deceased.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
Peter J Nevius
Wm W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well & Pump in Morton street near Washington street presented the following Report.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well & Pump in Morton street near Washington Street Respectfully

[220] Report

That in their opinion a Well & Pump is much wanted at that place and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Well be dug and built and Pump placed therein near the Intersection of Morton and Washington streets

James N Wells
John Rogers
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John L Hyer for Stall N° 53 Washington Market presented the following Report.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John L Heyer for Stall N° 53 Washington Market Respectfully

Report.

That the same is accompanied with the necessary transfer from David Brown the present occupant and also with a Certificate of Qualification.

They offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to John L Heyer for Stall N° 53 [221] Washington Market.

Benjamin M Brown
Jon[a] Seymour
W Seaman
B. J Meserole

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Caleb F Lindsley of Fire Company N° 9 for remission of Fine for running the Engine on the side walk presented the following Report against the same.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Caleb S Lindsley of Fire Engine C° N° 9 for remission of Fine

Beg leave respectfully to Report

That the members of that Fire Company have been heard before your Committee, and the fact admitted by them of the running of

the Fire Engine on the walk contrary to Law, but they stated that in their opinion the complaint was made with malicious feelings towards them, the Street Inspector of the first ward (who made the complaint) appeared also before the Committee and expressly disavowed being actuated by any improper motives and your Committee would state that in their opinion it was under a sense [222] of duty incumbent on him in the strict discharge of the Office Committed to his trust, and as it is of importance that this wholesome & salutary Ordinance should be enforced not only for the protection of property both Public and Private, but also for the protection of the lives of our Citizens they accordingly offer for the consideration of the Board viz[t]

Resolved that in the case of the Petition of Caleb F Lindsley it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the same, and on payment of the Fine, the Attorney of the Board be and he is hereby directed to pay the amount to the Treasurer of the Fire Department Fund.

Benjamin M Brown
Samuel Stevens
John Rogers
James Palmer
W Scott
P. W Engs

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Mary J De Lancy to be relieved from an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Committee on Assessments to [223] whom was referred the Petition of Mary J Delancey to be relieved from an Erroneous Tax

Respectfully Report

That M[rs] De Lancey testifies that she was Assessed on her personal property in the Fifth Ward on $10,000 while she was worth no personal estate.

It appears also by her statement that she removed out of Town shortly after the death of her husband which took place five or six years since, and that she remained out of town until a few months previous to the Assessors making their Assessment in 1829, that she was not aware of her being assessed until the Assessors Books were closed and that from the circumstance of her never having been Assessed before, she was totally ignorant of the Law governing Assessments.

The Certificate of the Assessors corroborates her Statement and the Committee offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the personal Tax of Mary J Delancey in the 5th Ward be and the same is hereby remitted.

George D Strong
Henry Arcularius
Thomas Jeremiah
Jon[a] Seymour
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[224] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John M[c]Comb and others Trustees &c of the New York La Fayettee fire Insurance Company to be relieved from the payment of a Tax assessed upon property of said Company for 1829 presented the following Report

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John M[c]Comb and others Trustees of the estate and effects of the New York La Fayette Fire Insurance Company praying to be relieved from the payment of a Tax assessed upon the property of the said Company for the year 1829.

Respectfully Report.

That it has been proved to their satisfaction that in consequence of Losses sustained by the said Company, the business thereof was discontinued in the early part of the year 1829 and that during the March term of the Court of Chancery in the said year a Petition was presented to the said Court for the dissolution of the said Company upon which application, an order was made, on the Eighteenth day of June in the said year, dissolving the said Company and appointing the Petitioners, Trustees thereof; and no income or profit has been derived by the said Company from its Capital or otherwise since the 3[d] of [225] March 1829.

Upon these facts, the Committee are of opinion that the Capital Stock of the said Company was not liable to taxation. The words of the Law confines such liability expressly to monied or Stock Corporations deriving an income or profit from their Capital or otherwise, and the Tax from which relief is sought in the present case was Assessed upon the balance of Capital paid in, after deducting the value of the Real estate belonging to the Company which Capital it appears had ceased to be at all productive long before the Assessors entered upon their duties according to Law. They offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax of the La Fayette Insurance Company for 1829 be and the same is hereby remitted.

George D Strong
Thomas Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
Jonathan Seymour
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of David Marvin to have an Assessment on his Lot in [226] the 11th Ward [apportioned] presented a Report in favor of the same, which was read and the Report referred back to the Committee.

Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was agreed to.

Resolved that the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell be directed to enforce the Law with regard to the running at large of Swine in the City of New York.

Alderman Palmer resented the following Resolution which was laid on the Table.

Resolved that if the Common Council give leave to have Booths around the Park Battery &c that the persons having those Booths be prohibited from selling all kinds of Ardent spirits or distilled Liquors.

Alderman Palmer presented the following Resolution which was read, the question being taken thereon it was negatived.

Resolved that the Portraits belonging to the Corporation be kept in the City Hall, and that hereafter none of them shall be Loaned to any person or persons whatsoever.

[227] Mr Lovett presented the following Resolution which was read and adopted.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Wharves give notice in the papers employed by the Board to the owner or owners of Sloop Maria Ann which was sunk in the Basin at the foot of Jay street that unless they appear and pay the Charges incurred in raising said Sloop she will be sold at Public Auction on Saturday the 26th Instant.

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

Resolved that the public Interest requires that the number of Inspectors of Anthracite Coal be increased to eight.

Alderman Strong presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committee to enquire and Report on the propriety of widening and repaving the Side walks on the North side of Duane street between Augustus and Cross street.

Alderman Strong presented the [228] following Resolution which was read and Laid on the Table.

Resolved that the Court of General Sessions be hereafter held in the City Hall in the Room formerly occupied by them.

Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was read and agreed to.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures to obtain from the Commissioners of the Land Office a grant to the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York of so much of the Land under Water of the East river or Sound as lies between High and Low water mark on the Long Island shore opposite to the two Lots belonging to the said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty at Williamsburgh.

Alderman Stevens presented the following Resolution which was read and agreed to.

Resolved that it be the duty of the Keepers of the Penitentiary and Bridewell to Report the escape of all prisoners from their respective establishment at the first Meeting of the Common Council after such escape.

The Alderman and Assistant of the [229] first Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well and Pump near the Intersection of Cedar near William street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well and Pump near the Intersection of Cedar and William street Respectfully Report

That in their opinion a Well & Pump is much required at that place, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a Pump placed therein near the Intersection of Cedar street and William street.

Peter J Nevius
J. I Roosevelt Jr
R Graves.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public School Society was presented and ordered to be filed.

The Monthly Report of the Keeper of the City Prison and Bridewell was read and referred to the Police Committee.

[230] A Communication was received from Elijah T Pinckney Esq[r] Assistant Justice of the 9[th] and 11[th] Wards resigning said Office which was in the words following Viz[t]

To the Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor of the City of New York.

Sir

I Consider it my duty to apprise you that it is my intention to resign my station of Assistant Justice of the Ninth and Eleventh Wards. It has occurred to me that the Public Interest might be injured in doing this immediately, inasmuch as pending Suits previously adjourned would thereby become abated, to enable the Common Council to supply the Vacancy in due Season, and to produce as little derangement in the business of the Court as possible, I announce my resignation to take place, on the first day of August next.

Respectfully &[c]

New York 21[st] June 1830. Elijah T Pinckney

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Communication was received from James Campbell Esq[r] Surrogate relative to the removal of his Office from the City Hall to the Old Alms House was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[231] A Petition of Aaron Smith for the Office of Police Magistrate was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

M[r] Roosevelt presented a Resolution directing the Clerk of the Common Council respectfully to inform the Judges of the Courts of the United States holden in the City that in consequence of the increase of State & County Courts &c the City Hall is no longer adequate to the public accommodation and requesting a representation be made to the Secratary of the Treasury that other accommodation may be provided for the said Courts by the General Government which was read and referred to the Law Committee.

A Remonstrance of David Lydig & others against widening Dover street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Crawbuck for Stall N[o] 1 Franklin Market lately occupied by his father Peter Crawbuck was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of the owner and Masters of Providence Packets for

the exclusive use of the head of Fly Market Slip and also of the [232] New York and Boston Steam Boat Compy[s] and others for Births were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Foulke to have certain repairs done to his Stables for injuries occasioned in blasting Rocks at 86[th] Street was read and referred to the Road Committee with power.

A Memorial of the Republican Ward Committee of the 5[th] Ward for a new Election for Alderman of said Ward was read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of William Bloodgood to be released from an erroneous Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Communication of Samuel D Rogers Esq[r], son of Alderman Rogers was received stating that from advice lately received from his father his speady return is very doubtful and therefore he is justified in stating that his father will not disapprove of any measure taken by his friends & Constituents in relation to his seat at the Board, which was read and Laid on the Table.

[233] A Petition of Robert B Dore and others to postpone Assessment for opening the 7[th] Avenue was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Eli Corey and others to have the side walks in Thompson street laid between Prince and Houston street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of J Green Pearson for permission to Build Cisterns on Bond street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of James Smith and Andrew Gifford was received stating that the Commissioners on opening 11[th] Street have assessed to the Corporation a portion of *the* ground the remainder of the Jews Cemetery, that the same fronts on their property and *turns* [shuts] them out from the Street. They therefore request permission may be given to remove the Corpses there interred and permit Petitioners to purchase the same at the sum the same is valued at by the Commissioners [which] was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Concklin and others to have 20[th] Street paved from 6[th] Avenue to 9[th] Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee

[234] A Petition of Owen M[c]Cabe for balance due him on his Contract for paving Jane street and part of the First Avenue was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Harris for the Office of City Guager was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Samuel Dick for the appointment of Inspector of Fire wood for the first District was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Ezra C Terry for permission to transfer Lease of property corner of William and Duane street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Richard S Williams and others praying that the Law prohibiting the selling of small meats in the Country Markets may be repealed was read and referred to the Market Committee.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen which was [235] read, the appointments made and Resignation accepted.

Fire Engine C°

N° 3

John Crainess Carpenter Spring Street—To fill the Company

N° 13

William E Crooker Distiller 29 Roosevelt S$^{t}$

V$^{c}$ John W Shipley—Resigned

The Counsel presented the following Report relative to the Resignation of James Campbell as Commissioner in the matter of 17$^{th}$ Street.

The Counsel to the Board begs leave to Report that James Campbell Esq$^{r}$ who was appointed one of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment on opening 17$^{th}$ Street from the 6$^{th}$ Avenue to the 3$^{d}$ Avenue, did on the 18$^{th}$ day of June instant refuse to Act as a Commissioner in the said matter.

It becomes necessary therefore that the Board should pass a Resolution authorising application to be made for the appointment of a Commissioner in the place of M$^{r}$ Campbell. The following is respectfully submitted.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be authorized to make application according to Law [236] for the appointment of a Commissioner of Estimate and Assessment in the place of James Campbell Esq$^{r}$ who has refused to act in the matter of opening 17$^{th}$ Street from 3$^{d}$ Avenue to 6$^{th}$ Avenue.

Resolved that the necessary papers be authenticated by the Clerk of the Common Council in the usual manner during the recess of the Board

Respectfully submitted

R Emmet

Whereupon the Counsel was directed to carry the Resolutions in the foregoing Report into effect.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto.

For regulating 18th Street from Bloomingdale Road to 8th Avenue and Abraham Dally, Samuel Purdy and Peter Ogilvie Jr were appointed Assessors.

For a Well and Pump near the intersection of Morton and Washington streets and John Leonard Alpheus Sherman and Cornelius Harsen appointed Assessors

For paving Side walks of 3d Avenue from Bowery to 11th Street and John Harris, Jedediah B Liester and John Slidell were appointed Assessors.

[237] For paving Side walks of Governeur street from Harman to Water street and John Targee Abraham Quick and Reuben Munson were appointed Assessors.

For paving Hall street from 6th to 7th Street and James Fairlie, Peter Stagg and Abraham Lefoy were appointed Assessors.

For repaving Nassau street from Beekman to Spruce street and Shivers Parker Thomas R Smith and Samuel Gilford Jr were appointed Assessors.

For a Well & Pump in William near Cedar street and John Lozier, Abraham Baudoine and Jacob S Baker were appointed Assessors.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mrs T Turk for permission to place a Cistern in Liberty street, and also one in William street in front of her building presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Taneke Turk for permission to build Cisterns under the Side walks at the corner of William and Liberty streets Respectfully

[238] Report.

That Mrs Turk has occupied so much of her grounds with buildings, that there is not sufficient room for Cisterns on the premises, and although evils have arisen from having Cisterns built in the Streets yet your Committee think that if any are constructed in a proper manner no serious evil would be experienced by having them placed under the Street walks, and therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that Taneke Turk have permission to build a Cistern under the side walk in front of her building in Liberty street, and also in front of her building in William street provided the same

shall be constructed of Brick or Stone in the most substantial manner with an Iron grate in the neck and a stone covering laid level with the walk and the water drawn off through the Cellar wall, the whole to be done under the directions of the Street Commissioner and to his satisfaction.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
John Lovett
George D Strong

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[239] The Special Committee to whom was referred the Mandamus in relation to the Election of the 5th Ward presented the following Report

The Special Committee to whom was referred the conditional Mandamus from the Supreme Court on the subject of the 5th Ward Election

Respectfully Report

That it is still uncertain when Alderman Rogers will return— That a Respectable number of the Electors of the 5th Ward have Petitioned for an Election.

That the Counsel of the Board to whom the subject was referred has in an able and elaborate opinion clearly demonstrated the right to order an Election inherent in the Common Council.

That no solid, legal reasons can be assigned why an Election should not be ordered to fill the vacancy occasioned by the absence of Alderman Rogers.

And that in the opinion of your Committee it is the duty of the Common Council to order an Election forthwith

They offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Office of Alderman of the 5th Ward be and the same is hereby declared to be vacant: And that the Common Council do accordingly order that a Special Election to fill the said vacancy be held in and for the said 5th Ward at the Hotel of Thomas Riley corner of Chapel & Provoost [240] streets on the Seventh and Eighth days of July next

Respectfully submitted

W Seaman
David Bryson
John Rogers

Alderman Strong presented the following Report signed by himself and Mr Dibblee the Members of the Committee who had not signed the above Report, which was in the words following.

Whereas application has been made to this Common Council for permission to have a Special Election for Alderman of the 5th Ward in the place of Alderman Rogers who is absent in the West Indies.

And Whereas a Communication has been received from Samuel D Rogers Esqr son of Alderman Rogers, containing a virtual resignation of the Office in behalf of his Father, by and with the consent of his constituents & friends;

And Whereas the Republican Ward Committee of the 5th Ward friendly to Alderman Rogers has in a communication expressed their desire that the Election may take place—Therefore

Resolved, that this Common Council do order an Election for Alderman of the 5th Ward to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Alderman Rogers, to be held in and for the 5th Ward [241] at the Hotel of Thomas Riley corner of Chapel & Provoost streets on the Twelfth and Thirteenth days of July next according to Law and that Robert M Russel, William Westervelt and John Van Beuren of the said Ward be and they are hereby appointed Inspectors of the said Election.

George D Strong
Fyler Dibblee

A considerable discussion arose, when Mr Engs moved the previous question, which was seconded, put and carried. The Question was then taken on the Resolution which was in the words following

"Resolved that, the Office of Alderman of the 5th Ward be and the same is hereby declared vacant and the Common Council do accordingly order that a special Election to fill the said vacancy be held in and for the said 5th Ward at the Hotel of Thomas Riley corner of Chapel & Provoost streets on the seventh and eighth days of July next according to Law." and a Division being called by Alderman Stevens. it was carried in the Affirmative the Members voting as follows

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius I Brown Seaman [242] B M Brown Wells Meserole Woodruff Mr Roosevelt Mandeville Bryson Scott Beadle Rogers Lovett Engs 16.

In the Negative Ald Mott Stevens Strong Palmer Mr Seymour Arcularius Jeremiah Dibblee 8

The Board were then proceeding to elect one Inspector of the Election in place of one who had resigned, at the last Election, and

the Members had prepared their Ballots, but it was determined that the case was provided for by Law and the Mayor was requested to destroy the Ballots unopened.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the ensuing Anniversary of the Declaration of American Independance presented the following Report

The Committee appointed to make necessary arrangements for celebrating the approaching Anniversary of American Independance and to whom [243] was referred the Petition of John Sidell First Marshall for permission to assign the Booths without any compensation, and also the Resolution of Alderman Strong that the Profits arising from assigning the Booths may be apportioned among the same officers that it was last year Respectfully Report.

That they have duly considered the subject and offer as their opinion the following Resolution.

Resolved that Booths be assigned around the Park, Battery, Bowling Green &c in the usual manner by the first Marshal at the same rates as last year and that the Profits arising therefrom be accounted for by him to this Committee and that the same be equally divided beween the First Marshall, High Constable, Messenger and Assistant Clerk in the Mayors Office. Respectfully submitted

Bernard J Meserole
Benjamin M Brown
W Seaman
Peter J Nevius

Upon motion the Question on the Resolution proposed was divided and it was taken on that part directing Booths to be assigned—Alderman Stevens having called a Division the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Strong [244] Seaman B M Brown Wells Meserole Palmer Woodruff Mr Bryson Arcularius Scott Beadel Rogers Jeremiah Lovett Engs 16.

In the Negative Ald Nevius Mott Stevens Mr Roosevelt Seymour Mandeville Dibblee 7.

So it was carried in the Affirmative, the Question was then taken on the remaining part of the Resolution and was carried in the Affirmative, A Division having been called the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Strong Seaman B M Brown Wells Meserole [245] Mr Bryson Arcularius Scott Beadel Rogers Lovett Engs 14

In the Negative Ald Mott Stevens Palmer Woodruff Mr Roosevelt Mandeville Jeremiah Seymour Dibblee 9

Mr Roosevelt presented a Resolution prohibiting the Sale of Spiritous Liquors in the Booths a considerable debate was had thereon, but no question was taken, and a Motion was made to adjourn, which was carried in the Affirmative, and the Board Adjourned to the next regular Meeting on Monday next at 5 OClock

[246] In Common Council June 28th 1830

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
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| Peter J Nevius | James I Roosevelt Jr |
| William W Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| George D Strong | Henry Arcularius |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M Brown | Joseph W Beadle |
| James N Wells | John Rogers |
| Bernard J Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| David Marsh | Fyler Dibblee |
| Gideon Lee | John Lovett |
| James Palmer | Philip W Engs |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Account of Coroner for services to the first of July 1 Quarter presented by the Comptroller was referred agreeably to Law, to [247] the Board of Supervisors.

Mr Bryson presented the following Resolution which was read and agreed to.

Resolved that so much of the Resolution passed by the Common Council on the 21st Instant as directs the Special Election to be held in the Fifth Ward on the 7th & 8th days of July next be and the same is hereby recinded, and that the said Election so ordered, shall be held on Tuesday and Wednesday the 13th & 14th July next according to Law.

A Motion was made by Alderman Strong that the Board now proceed to the Election of a Police Magistrate, the Question being taken thereon the Votes stood 12 Affirmative 11 Negative. the Mayor gave his vote in the Negative, the Motion was therefore lost.

An Invitation was received from the Managers of the New York Asylum for lying in Women to witness the Ceremony of laying the Corner Stone of a Building for the Institution about to be erected on the 1st July at 5 OClock P M in Orange near Prince street.

An Invitation was received from [248] Major General Morton to the Members of the Corporation to review the Corps of Artillery on Monday the 5th Inst in celebration of the 54th Anniversay of American Independence, under his Command on that day. Was read and Accepted.

A Petition of Francis Favereau Jr to be appointed a City Sealer in addition to the present Sealer, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Joseph Curtis & Jacob P Bunting to Lease from the Corporation such parts of the Public Ground in the vicinity of the City Hall, as may be deemed proper to be occupied for a Public sink was read and referred to the Committee on Lands & Places.

A Petition of Garret Forbes one of the City Weighers praying to be appointed one of the Inspectors and Weighers of Coal was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

The following Resolution was read and adopted.

[249] Resolved that the Members of the Board and Officers under the Corporation be supplied by the Clerk with the Laws of the last Session of the Legislature.

A Petition of John Hayre praying to be relieved from the payment of a Fine of $25, for removing grass from the ground near La Fayette Place contrary to Law was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of William Lawrence for Stall No 1 Grand street Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Stephen C Burdett to have a Tax on Real estate in the 6th Ward divided so that he can pay the Assessment due on his property was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Willet Seaman to be appointed to the Office of Collector of Assessments in the place of Jameson Cox Esqr resigned was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Gilbert S Mount and [250] others to have Market street widened from Harman to Division street, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William B Crosby and others for the erection of a

New Market in Catharine street between Water and South streets was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of the Members of Fire Engine Company N° 3 for a new Engine was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of the Members of Fire Engine Company N° 36 for a new Engine House to be located in the vicinity of the present Engine House was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the 12th Ward for an extension of Lamps and Watch District was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Isaac C Osborn to [251] be appointed a Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of William H Perine & others for a Well & Pump in Mercer street near 5th Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Thomas R Mercien & others to have the side walks of 6th Street paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Harris and others to have the Houses in 6th Street numbered was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Robert Halliday and Duncan Kenneday to have a nuisance occasioned by a stagnant pond of Water at the corner of Bank and Washington street removed was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John G Scott & others to have the Sidewalks of Downing street paved was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of David Brown for [252] Butchers Stall N° 10 Greenwich Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of James H Blasdell to be appointed an Inspector and Weigher of Anthracite Coal was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of George Clinch and others to pave the side walks of 2d Avenue between 1st & 2d Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Nicholas W Messerve to be re-possessed of Stall N° 16 Fulton Market formerly occupied by him was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of William Munn to be relieved from the payment of a fine and Imprisonment for selling Liquors without a Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee with powers.

A Petition of Stephen Smith and others for filling 8th Street from Lewis street to Avenue D and raising and paving Lewis street from [253] North to 3d Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of F A C Brichta to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of William Davis to be discharged from confinement in the Debtors Prison on an execution for the recovery of a Penalty for violating the Law relative to Pilots &c was read and referred to the Police Committee with power.

A Remonstrance of Jeremiah Munro and others against the Petition of the "Union Line of Providence Packets" for a location for their Sloops was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Westfield & others to have certain vacant Lots near the corner of Broome and Pitt street fenced in was read and referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition of G Armstrong and others for a Well & Pump in Cherry street between Pike & Rutgers street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner.

[254] The Motion that the Board proceed to the Election of a Police Magistrate was renewed by Alderman Lee and was agreed to.

The Board accordingly proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill that Office, when on opening and counting the Ballots it appeared that Oliver M Lowndes had a Majority of Votes and was declared duly elected.

Alderman Lee then moved that the Board proceed to elect a person to fill the Office of Attorney of the Board in place of Lemuel Smith Esqr deceased which was agreed to.

The Board accordingly proceeded to Ballot for the same and there being a Majority of Votes in favor of Jacob Wyckoff he was declared duly elected.

Alderman Lee presented a Resolution respecting the Resignation of Elijah T Pinckney as Assistant Justice for the 9th & 11th Wards which was read and Laid on the Table

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen the resignations were accepted and appointments made Viz[t]

[255] Fire Engine C[o]

N[o] 5

John I Reilly Printer 55 Ann Street
V[c] Hugh W Taylor—Time Expired

William E Stoutenbergh Account[ant] 112 Fulton S[t]
V[c] John W Hyatt Time Expired

N[o] 7

Thomas Williams—Jeweller Center near Grand S[t]
To fill the Company

N[o] 8

Edward C Mead Carpenter 134 Elm S[t] V[c] John Welch—Resigned
Jeremiah Craig Expelled

N[o] 12

Joshua Bloodgood Mason 51 Beekman S[t]
V[c] Charles Larkey—Resigned

N[o] 13

Abraham Brown Accountant 7 James S[t]
V[c] Edward N Tailer Time Expired

N[o] 14

Joseph Freeze Painter 311 Washington S[t]
V[c] Elbert E Kip Resigned

N[o] 15

John B Gedney Brass founder 13 Stanton S[t]
John L Berrian Shoemaker 151 Centre S[t] } To fill the Company.

[256] N[o] 18

John Myers—White Smith 17 Morton S[t]
V[c] Sylvester H Jones—Resigned

George Decker Clerk 39 Christopher Street
V[c] Peter Westervelt resigned

N[o] 22

Joseph H Hobby Grocer 109 Hester S[t]
To fill the Company.

N[o] 23

Mathew Bowden—Stone Cutter 448 Washington S[t]
V[c] John Parsons Resigned

Alexander Chisholm—Carpenter 448 Washington St
Vc William Wickham Resigned

No 25

John Craig—Cabinet Maker 144 Fulton St
Vc L E Davenport—Resigned

No 34

John V L Hoagland Carpenter 6th St near Grove St
To fill Company.

No 39.

Joseph Friese } Resigned
John J Reilly }

No 45

John Smalley Lawyer Yorkville Vc M. S. Parker Time Expired
Rufus Prime Mercht Yorkville Vc Stephen Huestis Resigned

Fire Hook & Ladder Co No 4.

Israel W Lobb Cabinet Maker 20 Eldridge St
Vc Willet Place Resigned

[257] Fire Warden Co 8th Ward

James H Greenfield Merchant 295 Spring St
Vc Otis Harrington—Time Expired.

The Counsel of the Board presented the following Report relative to the resignation of Najah Taylor as a Commissioner &c

The Counsel of the Board begs leave Respectfully to Report, that at the late term of the Supreme Court Mr Najah Taylor was appointed one of the Commissioners on opening 24th Street and that Mr Taylor has declined serving as such Commissioner.

It becoming necessary that the Board should pass a Resolution authorizing application to be made for the appointment of a Commissioner in Mr Taylors place the following is submitted.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board make application to the Supreme Court for appointment of a Commissioner (on opening 24th Street from the 9th to the 10th Avenue) in the place of Najah Taylor who has refused to act.

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council authenticate the necessary papers in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

Respectfully submitted

R Emmet

Whereupon the Resolutions were adopted

[258] The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Viz[t]

For paving Side walks in Houstoun Street between Mott and Elizabeth street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For regulating and paving Goerck street from Delancy to Rivington street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For regulating 5[th] Street between Avenue A & C and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner recommends the appointment of John Hanmer as Collector of the Assessment for widening and improving Jacob street which was agreed to and he was accordingly appointed.

The Street Commissioner presented the final Return of Delinquents on sundry Assessments which were referred to the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector presented the [259] following Report of Ordinances for correcting sundry Nuisances.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

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| No 1 | [Abraham] Demarest | Owner | W side Sullivan St | Stable |
| 2. | Wm Shaw | " | " | " |
| 3. | Wm G Post | " | 47 Elizabeth | " |
| 4. | Gerard Beekman | " | W side Green St | Lot |
| 5. | Estate of George Janeway | " | 34 Cross St | Lots |
| 6. | David Cargill | " | W side Mulbery | " |
| 7. | J L Deass | " | " | " |
| 8. | John Hone | " | N side 21st St | " |
| 9. | C Mildeberger | " | " | " |
| 10. | Sarah Mills | " | " | " |
| 11. | A McCullon | " | " | " |
| 12. | Dr G or P Vandoren | " | " | " |
| 13. | Richd Cadmus | " | W side Thompson St | " |
| 14. | G L Guion | " | " | " |
| 15. | G W Berrian | " | " | " |
| 16. | Wm Taylor | " | " | " |
| 17. | S Russell | " | " | " |
| 18. | E Clevenger | " | " | " |
| 19. | G W Berrian | " | E side of Sullivan St | " |
| 20. | Thomas McKie | " | W side Thompson | " |
| 21. | Jas I Roosevelt | " | E side Sullivan St | " |
| 22. | S Russel | " | " | " |
| 23. | Thomas McKie | " | " | " |
| 24. | [260] Thos Blanch | " | " | " |
| 25. | G L Guion | " | " | " |
| 26. | Danl Demarest | " | " | " |

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| 27. | Jas H Lyon | Owner | B 18th & 19th St | near 5th Avenue | Lots |
| 28. | John F Delaplaine | " | " 17 & 18th | " | " |
| 29. | John Edwards | " | " 18 & 19th | " | " |
| 30. | Jas H Lyon | " | " 19th & 20th | " | " |
| 31. | Alexr J Hamilton | " | " 18 & 20th | " | " |
| 32. | Nichs Shepple | " | " 19 & 20th | " | " |
| 33. | " | " | " 20th & 21st | " | " |
| 34. | T Burli[n]g or J Cowman | " | " 17 & 18th St | " | " |
| 35. | J. J. Coddington | " | " 18 & 19th St | " | " |
| 36 | Peter Bertine | " | " " | " | " |
| 37. | Henry Anderson | Exr | " " | " | " |
| 38. | Campbell P White | Owner | E side Cannon St | | " |
| 39. | Henry Jackson | " | S " 19th St | near 5 Avenue | " |
| 40. | Isaac Amerman | " | " | " | " |
| 41. | Samuel J Moore | " | " | " | " |

I Warren
City Inspector

Which were passed.

The City Inspector presented an Ordinance to fill in yard and Cellar South East corner of Avenue D and 5th Street at the Public expence—Which was passed.

[261] The Committee on Public Offices & Repairs to whom was referred the communication from the Surrogate relative to removing his Office from the City Hall presented the following Report in favor of removing said Office.

The Committee on Public Offices and Repairs to whom it was referred (among other things) to make provision for the accommodation of the Surrogate in the building on Chambers street

Respectfully Report.

That the westerly room lately occupied by the Historical Society is now in a state of readiness, but the Surrogate deems it proper, before removing from the City Hall, that the Board should give their directions for that purpose as his authority for so doing—Your Committee therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Office of the Surrogate be removed from the City Hall to the apartment in the building on Chamber street lately occupied by the Historical Society.

James I Roosevelt Junr
David Bryson
Thos Jeremiah
Thomas T Woodruff
Wm Mandeville
James N Wells

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[262] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of William Bloodgood to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of William Bloodgood to be relieved from an erroneous Tax Respectfully Report

That in the month of April last Mr Bloodgood applied for relief from an erroneous personal Tax, which as he then represented was $10,000 which sum were placed by the Assessors by mistake for $1000, and the Common Council granted him the desired relief but since that period he has been served with a Notice by the Collector claiming a Tax on $6000 instead of the $1000, which was contemplated by the Committee.

The Error appears to have occurred in consequence of the Assessors having given an erroneous statement of his former Tax which was $15,000 instead of $10,000 and in consequence of which $6000, still remains charged to him.

As Mr Bloodgood appeared before the Assessors during the period prescribed by Law, and as the error is acknowledged by [263] them to have occurred from copying the Books, the Committee believe Mr Bloodgood to be entitled to relief, and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of Mr Bloodgood in the 14th Ward be reduced from that on $6000, to that on $1000, and that the surplus be returned among the errors of Taxes for 1829

George D Strong
Henry Arcularius
Jonas Seymour
Thos Jeremiah

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John G Coster and others against the extension of the Sewer in centre street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the Petition for and the remonstrance against the extension of the Sewer in Centre [Street] Respectfully Report.

That they have ascertained by examination that the extension of the Sewer as Petitioned for would be attended with great expence in consequence of the necessity of [264] driving Piles, as the ground is not of sufficient firmness to support a competent foundation. The great majority of the owners of property subject to Assessment have

remonstrated against the extension & have suggested the propriety of crowni[n]g the Street in the centre raising the Curb stones, and carrying off the water by means of wide side gutters. The Committee believe the proposition of the remonstrants to be practicable, but as the subject belongs more strictly to the Street Committee and is not within the province of the Canal Committee they offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to extend the Sewer in Centre street.

Resolved that the subject of crowning Centre street in the centre and widening the Side gutters be referred to the Street Committee.

Henry Arcularius
Wm Mandeville
George D Strong
Isaac Brown

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department [265] to whom was referred the return of the Chief Engineer of Fire Engine Co No 13 appointing David Willson a fireman of said Company, also a Remonstrance against said appointment presented the following Report against his appointment.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the return of the Chief Engineer for a member of Fire Engine Company No 13 vizt David Willson, also the remonstrance of several members of said Company against the same

Beg leave Respectfully to Report

That by an Act of the Legislature of this State passed 9th April 1813 it is declared "that it shall be lawful for the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened and they are hereby required from time to time to appoint a sufficient number of strong able discreet, honest & sober men, of the said City, willing to accept such appointment being freeholders, or freemen, of the said City, to have the care, management, working and using the Fire Engines & the other tools & instruments now provided or hereafter to be provided for extinguishing of fires within the said City, which persons so to be appointed shall be called the Firemen of the City of New York." That Mr Willson was before your Committee & stated that he was an Alien, having but recently arrived in this [266] Country, consequently in the opinion of your Committee ineligible to the Office of a Fireman, They offer the following.

Resolved that the Return of the Chief Engineer of David Willson as a Fireman be rejected.

Benjamin M Brown
John Rogers
James Palmer
William Scott
Samuel Stevens
P. W Engs

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Return of the Chief Engineer relative to the expulsion of Jeremiah F Craig from Fire Engine C° N° 8 presented the following Report in favor of his expulsion.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Jeremiah F Craig to be reinstated as a Fireman in Engine Company N° 8 and also the Report of the Chief Engineer of members for the said Company, beg leave respectfully to Report

That the Petitioner and the Foreman of the said Company appeared before your Committee and from the statements then [267] made and admissions of M^r Craig [it does appear that M^r Craig] has neglected his duty, that the same was fully examined by the members of the said Company and M^r Craig nearly unanimously expelled, it therefore does appear to your Committee that it would be inexpedient to retain him in that Company, and they offer the following for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that the Return of the Chief Engineer be accepted.

Respectfully submitted
Benjamin M Brown
John Rogers
William Scott
P. W Engs
James Palmer
Samuel Stevens

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of the Members of Fire Engine C° N° 33 for the removal of their Engine House presented the following Report

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Members of Fire Engine Company N° 33 for the removal of their Engine House, beg leave Respectfully [268] to Report

That the above Fire Engine is located on a piece of Ground on the

premises of Mr James P Allair in Cherry street, that it has been thus located, for several years past, free of ground rent to the Corporation, but in the opinion of your Committee the location is not as favorable a one as ought to be selected, and the Engine house is very small and inconvenient and is fallen into decay—That your Committee have endeavoured to procure a more favorable scite and after no little delay, Report that a Lot can be procured on the West side of Gouverneur Street 25 feet South of Henry street of the following dimensions 24 feet 7 Inches front and rear & 54 feet deep for the sum of One thousand dollars, this Lot in their opinion is a very desirable Location, and that part of the Lot that will not be wanted at this time for the above purpose can be rented at a price nearly to pay the interest of the purchase money.

They offer the following for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department be and is hereby empowered to purchase the above Lot at a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars, and when the Title shall [269] be reported perfect by the Counsel of the Board the Comptroller Report a Warrant for the same

Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department have a suitable Engine House erected on the same.

Respectfully submitted
Benjamin M Brown
John Rogers
William Scott
P. W Engs
James Palmer
Samuel Stevens

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was Referred the Petition of Albert W Smith to transfer Stall N° 14 Fulton Market to Joseph Smith presented the following Report in favor.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Albert W Smith to transfer Stall N° 14 Fulton Market to Joseph Smith

Beg leave respectfully to Report.

That the said Petition is accompanied with the necessary Certificate of qualifications & they therefore offer the following for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be [270] granted to Joseph Smith for Stall N° 14 Fulton Market.

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
W Seaman
B J Meserole
Jon[a] Seymour
David Marsh

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Repairs presented the following Report soliciting an appropriation of $1500, to meet the payments for repairing the Cupola

The Committee on Repairs respectfully inform the Board that the Repairs of the Cupola of the City Hall are now completed and they now solicit an appropriation of Fifteen hundred dollars to meet the payment of the sundry Bills for said repairs, they therefore request that a Warrant may be issued during the recess of the Board in favor of the Street Commissioner for that purpose.

Thomas T Woodruff
James N Wells
W[m] Mandeville

Which was approved and adopted.

[271] The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom had been referred the Petition of Gilbert Mount and others for the extension of the Piers on the East and West sides of James Slip presented a Report which was read and Laid on the Table.

The Joint Committee on Public Offices and Repairs presented a Report which was read, but no question taken thereon. It was moved that the Report of the Joint Committees on Jail & Bridewell presented 17[th] May and laid on the Table be called up, which was agreed to. The remonstrance of William Chester and others, against erecting a Bridewell on the Collect grounds was called up and read—A motion was made to refer the Remonstrance and Report back to the same Committee, the Question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative the Members voting as follows

Affirmative Al[d] B M Brown Wells Meserole Palmer Woodruff M[r] Beadel Rogers Jeremiah [272] Dibblee Lovett Engs 11

Negative M[r] Recorder Al[d] Nevius Mott Stevens Strong Marsh Lee M[r] Roosevelt Seymour Mandeville Bryson Arcularius Scott 13

It was then moved that the Resolution presented by Mr Engs and referred to the Committee be divided and a question taken on the following part "Resolved that the property Known as the Corporation yard is a suitable location for a Bridewell." The Question being taken thereon and a Division called the members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Mott I Brown Strong Lee Mr Roosevelt Seymour Bryson Arcularius Scott 11.

In the Negative Ald Stevens B M Brown Wells Meserole Marsh Palmer Woodruff Mr Mandeville Beadle Rogers Jeremiah Dibblee Lovett Engs 14

[273] So it passed in the Negative. Alderman Stevens then moved a Resolution which was amended and agreed to in the following words "Resolved that the said Committees be authorized to select a Location for a Bridewell and Report." The Recorder then presented the following Resolution which was Adopted.

Resolved that it be referred to the Jail and Bridewell & Police Committees to select a suitable Scite for a Bridewell and that the said Committee report such proposed Location to this Board.

Alderman Meserole presented the following Resolution which was Adopted.

Resolved that the sum of Two thousand Dollars be appropriated to pay the expences of the 4th of July Dinner & the expence connected with it.

Upon Motion of Alderman Lee the Resignation of Mr Pinckney presented on 21st June was called up & read (see Mr Pinckneys letter this Volume page 230). Alderman Lee then called up the Resolution he had presented at this Meeting and which was laid on the Table, which was read as follows.

Whereas Elijah T Pinckney hath resigned his Office of Assistant Justice for the Ninth and Eleventh wards to take effect on the first day of August next—Therefore Resolved that the said [274] Resignation be and the same is hereby accepted.

Resolved that Anthony Woodward be and he is hereby appointed Assistant Justice for the Ninth and Eleventh wards of this City from and immediately after the first day of August next in the place of E T Pinckney resigned.

Upon motion of Alderman Lee the Board then proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill the Office of Assistant Justice of 9th & 11th Wards, when Anthony Woodward had a Majority of votes and was declared duly elected.

Mr Recorder presented the following Resolution which was Adopted.

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor cause a Copy of the List of the names of the Grand Jurors for the last year to be made for the use of the Magistrates, whose duty it is by Law to prepare a list of Grand Jurors on the second Monday of July next for the ensuing year.

The Report of Finance Committee on the subject of commutation for Alien Passengers which was laid on the Table on the 31st May was called up and referred back to the Finance Committee.

[275] The Report of the Special Committee on Pauperism upon the subject of the purchase of Barn Island which was laid on the Table on the 31st May was called up and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

Alderman Strong presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Committee of Arrangements.

Resolved that to enforce obedience to the Laws regulating the due observance of the Sabbath no tent or Booth will be permitted to be erected on or previous to Sunday the 4th July and the First Marshal and High Constable are hereby especially enjoined to Report to the Attorney of the Board any violation of the Law in this respect.

The Comptroller presented the following Cash Account.

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| Balance as per Actt 14th Inst | 183.66 |
| Recd for Streets | 9.234. |
| " " Tavren Licences | 5,000. |
| " " Rents | 2.561.83 |
| " " Tax of 1829 | 1.000. |
| " " Commutation Alien Passengers | 497.50 |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 70. |
| | $18.546.99 |

[276] 49 Accounts Audited and directed to be paid with the exception of the Account of J Colvill Coroner which was referred to the Board of Supervisors.

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| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1e Dist | 1386. |
| Astin & Field " 2d " | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring " 3d " | 945. |
| R Riker Recorder Salary 1 Qr 1 July | 375. |
| W. S. Smith Collector City Revenue 1 Qr 22d June & Expences | 305. |
| O Ayres & J Coffin Asst City Inspectors 1 Mo 1 July | 117. |
| Astin & Higbie Asst Keepers City Hall " " | 75. |
| C Myers Keeper Pottersfield " " | 67.50 |

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| Thos Asten St Inspectr 1 Ward 1 Mo 1 July..... | | 45. | |
| T Woolcocks " 2d " " ..... | | 45. | |
| J. B Ebbets " 3d " " ..... | | 45. | |
| N B Lyon " 4th " " ..... | | 45. | |
| I. A Isaacs " 5th " " ..... | | 45. | |
| F Gantz " 7th " " ..... | | 45. | |
| Wm G Babb " 8th " " ..... | | 45. | |
| H. B. Roome " 9th " " ..... | | 45. | |
| T Austin " 10th " " ..... | | 45. | |
| Abm Hatfield " 11th " " ..... | | 45. | |
| E Kingsland 12th " " ..... | | 45. | |
| D Hubbard 13th " " ..... | | 45. | |
| P Field 14th " " ..... | | 45. | |
| J Morton Clerk C C for Hack & Postage Acts..... | | 57. | |
| [277] J Pinckney & A Parker Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 July | | 104. | |
| J Coffin Asst City Inspect removg Nuisances " " | | 45. | |
| G Duryea Clerk Fulton Market & Sweepers " " | | 87.86 | |
| Jas Gilbert Do Clinton & Greenwich " " | | 68. | |
| J Bremner Do Catharine " " | | 60. | |
| J M Devoy Do 3 Markets " " | | 57.60 | |
| S Fleet Do Centre " " | | 48. | |
| R Smith Do Franklin " " | | 37.50 | |
| J Seaman Do Manhattan " " | | 30. | |
| John Colvin Coroner 1 Qr 1 July..... | | 626.14 | |
| A Leggett Super Mud Scow 2 weeks to 27 June..... | | 139.28 | |
| C L Sidell Clerk issuing Tavren Licences 43 days..... | | 86. | |
| C. J. Roosevelt Do Do 42 days..... | | 84. | |
| Wm G Babb St Inspectr 8th Ward repairs to Culverts &c... | | 4.06 | |
| New York Gazette Subscription 6 Mo 7 June..... | | 50. | |
| Clement C Moore Awd for earth 21st St b 5 Avenue & Hudson River ..... | | 1200. | |
| George B Smith Surveys &c 9 Mo 1 July..... | | 66. | |
| D Harron 1st payt Well Grove near Bleecker St..... | | 29.25 | |
| J Gallagher Junr bal Well Amity between Mercer & Green St..... | | 24.48 | |
| J McBarron for Well Hubert near Greenwich St..... | | 20.30 | |
| J McBarron do North near Willett..... | | 19.50 | |
| R Graves St Comr Acts Repairs Roads..... | | 500. | |
| Jonas Platt in full for services as Counsel in case of Leaks Will | | 750. | |
| David B Ogden do Do | | 500. | |
| John Oothout Treasr Bank for Savings Interest on $300,000 1 Qur 1 July..... | | 3750. | |
| [278] Anthony Mo[r]ris St Inspctr 6 Ward 1 Mo 1 July... | | 45. | |
| Arthur Burtis Super Alms House..... | | 5000. | 18.338.37 |
| | Balance | | $208.62 |

Board Adjourned to 12 July next at 5 OClock.

[279] In Common Council July 12th 1830

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President.

| Aldermen | Assistants |
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| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| William W Mott | William Mandeville |
| Samuel Stevens | David Bryson |
| Isaac Brown | Joseph W Beadle |
| William Seaman | John Rogers |
| Benjamin M Brown | Thomas Jeremiah |
| James N Wells | Fyler Dibblee |
| Bernard J Meserole | John Lovett |
| David Marsh | Philip W Engs |
| James Palmer | |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The unfinished business of last Meeting.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Leonard Kip for premission to draw Water from a Public Pump opposite his House by [280] means of a Pipe under ground, presented the following Report against the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Leonard Kip for permission to draw water from a public Pump situate at the corner of Wooster and Bleecker streets by means of a Pipe leading under ground to his premises on the opposite side of the Street Respectfully Report

That it would be improper to grant the request of the Petitioner and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioner.

James N Wells
John Rogers
R Graves.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of George W Murray to have the Well and Pump built by him in 12th Street near Broadway, accepted and paid for by the Corporation presented the following Report against the same.

[281] The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of George W Murray to have a Well & Pump dug and erected by him on 12th Street near Broadway accepted and paid for by the Corporation presented the following Report against the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of George W Murray to have a Well & Pump dug and erected by him in 12th Street accepted and paid for by this Corporation as a Public Well Respectfully Report

That in their opinion it is inexpedient to comply with the request of the Petitioner inasmuch as the Well is improperly located and cannot be accepted for public purposes, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to accept of the Well and Pump of George W Murray in 12th Street as and for a Public Well

James N Wells
John Rogers
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

A Petition of Patrick Byrne to [282] have the Side walks in William street near Cedar street regulated and the Curb laid, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman B M Brown presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Market Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to the Market Committee to enquire into and Report on the expediency of removing the Hay Market to the Public ground in the rear of Tompkins Market.

Alderman Palmer presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the City Inspector.

Resolved that the Lots corner of Lewis and Grand streets be fenced in.

Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was read and agreed to.

Resolved that Francis Gallagher Administrator &c of Benjamin Gallagher deceased have permission to assign and transfer to Joshua Thurston a Lease granted by this Board to the said Benjamin Gallagher dated March 1827 for a Lot of ground designated as N° 130 on [283] a Map of that and other Lots fronting on William street Provided that all Ground rent due on said Lease be first paid.

The Committee on Public Offices and Repairs to whom were

referred the Communication from the Register of Deeds, the Resolution of M^r^ Roosevelt, and the Report of a former Committee on subject of Fire proof building for Records &c presented the following Report

The Joint Committee on Public Offices and Repairs, to whom were referred the Communication from the Register of Deeds and the Resolution of M^r^ Roosevelt in relation to Fire proof Offices, and also the *Report of a former Committee on the same subject Respectfully Report.

That the City Hall, in which the Public Records are now deposited, is not secure against Fire. The immense amount of property, of which these records are the evidences, and the confusion and ruin which must ensue from their destruction, admonish us of the necessity of making every possible provision to guard them against accidents. Your Committee impressed with this conviction, have carefully examined the two places submitted to them, one of which proposes the fitting up of a portion of the building on Chamber street, and the other altering the old Gaol.

[284] With respect to the first of these plans it will undoubtedly be the least expensive and least inconvenient inasmuch as it will not involve any removal of the Debtor Prisoners. But altho the apartments, to which it refers, may be made comparitively fire proof, yet, in the opinion of experienced builders, they cannot be rendered completely so. The Gaol, on the other hand, is a massive Stone edifice, and stands entirely insulated from every other structure. But the question has been asked, what is to be done in the meanwhile with the Debtor prisoners. The number of debtors in actual confinement, is at present Thirty five. No serious difficulty therefore exists in disposing of them. So small a number of persons might for the present a[t] least be accommodated in the East wing of the Building on Chamber street and the expence of the alterations necessary for that purpose, it is estimated, would not exceed Five hundred dollars. In order, however, to test the sense of the Common Council, on the main question, the Committee submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committees on Public Offices and Repairs to cause the building at present occupied as a Gaol to be fitted up in a Fire proof manner [285] for the reception of the Public Records as soon as the imprisoned debtors shall be removed, and the

* Marginal note reads *For Report of former Committee on subject of Fire proof buildings for Records &c alluded to in this Report see page 366 this Book.*—ED.

sum of Fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to carry this Resolution into effect.

James I Roosevelt Jr
David Bryson
Thos Jeremiah
Thomas T Woodruff
James N Wells
William Mandeville.

A Motion was made to refer the Report, which was lost. The question was then taken on the Resolution reported by the Committee and the Ayes and Noes having been called by Alderman Stevens the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Ald B M Brown Wells Meserole Palmer Woodruff Mr Bryson Beadle Rogers Jeremiah Lovett Engs 11.

In the Negative Ald Nevius Mott Stevens Marsh Mr Seymour Mandeville Arcularius Dibblee 8

[286] So it was carried in the Affirmative. Alderman Stevens gave notice of Reconsideration at the next Meeting. Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Committees on Public Offices & Jail & Bridewell.

Resolved that the Committee on Repairs be authorized to fit up part of the Old Alms House in such manner as to securely accommodate the Prisoners in our Jail.

A Petition of Thomas Varian to have a Suit in relation to a Butchers Stall in Clinton Market submitted to Arbitrators was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of M Nash to be employed without compensation in assisting to fit up the Observatory in the Cupola of the City Hall was read and referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences with Authority.

A Petition of John Jacob Astor for the amount due him for surplus earth removed from 13th Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance of Merchants [287] and Dealers against an alteration of the Law regulating the appointment of City Guagers was read and referred to the Special Committee on Petition of the City Guagers.

A Petition of Thomas Morley of Whitfield Case of Mrs Worden and of Wm P Quinn for the restoration of their Hogs which were taken up in the Public Streets, agreeably to an Ordinance of the Corporation prohibiting their running at large were read and severally referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House with powers.

A Petition of Nicholas W Messerve for a Butchers Licence for Stall N° 16 Fulton Market formerly occupied by him was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of George Sutton & others to have Morton street paved from Washington to West street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Abraham Hull & others to have the Side walks in West street laid from Harrison to Hubert street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[288] A Memorial of the owners and Occupants of property on the 8th Avenue praying that the stagnant Water between 21st & 23d Streets may be immediately removed was read and referred to the Road Committee with powers.

A Petition of Charles Clinton for permission to exhibit Specimens of his Cement on some of the Public buildings in the vicinity of the City Hall was read and referred to the Committee on Repairs with power.

A Petition of John Gore to be relieved from the payment of personal Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Burnt Mill Point for the removal of a nuisance occasioned by Butchers Offals being thrown off the Bulkhead at the foot of Thirteenth street East River was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 11th Ward and the City Inspector.

A Communication was received [289] from the Chief Engineer stating that he was under the necessity of reporting the Conduct of Members of Fire Engine Company N° 21—for neglect of duty in not attending at Fires with their Engine, which was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen, the Resignations were accepted and appointments made vizt

Fire Engine C°

N° 6

Charles Cushing Tailor 48 Spruce St Vce Joseph Moon Expelled

N° 11

Edwin W Wainwright—Brush Maker 68 Elm St To fill Company

N° 17

John McDougal Baker 111 Cherry St Vce Samuel Sole Resigned

N° 22

Peter R Welch—Turner 52 Allen S[t] To fill Company

N° 26

Joseph Parker—Expelled for neglect of duty

N° 27

Mathew Bowden & Alexander Chisholm & Francis Arden & Ja[s] Scott Resigned.

[290] Elias Brower, Daniel Wheeler, Abraham Bogert } Returned

Fire Wardens C°

13[th] Ward

William C Brooks Cartman 120 Clinton S[t]

V[c] Stephen Barker Resigned

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for the correction of sundry Nuisances.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

| N° | | | | |
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| | 1. Wm Taylor | owner | E side Crosby St | A Lot |
| | 2. Josiah Dodge | " | N side Eleventh St | Stable " |
| | 3. Andw or Jas Smith | " | S " 12th St | " " |
| | 4. Andrew Carrigan | " | S E cor Avenue D & 4th St | " |
| | 5. Peter A Jay | " | S side Walker St | " |
| | 6. John J [S] Schermerhorn & Wife | " | E side 7th Avenue | " |
| | 7. John Tonnele | " | W side 6th Avenue | " |
| | 8. Thomas Powers | " | N side 19th St | " |
| | 9. J Wells | " | E side 7th Avenue | " |
| | 10. Wm Bethel | " | " Willett St | " |
| | 11. Wm Ogilvie | " | " Sheriff St | " |
| | 12. Robt Tillotson | " | S E cor Rivington & Essex St | " |
| | 13. Maria C Gouverneur | " | S W cor " & Norfolk St | " |
| | 14. [291] Maria C Gouverneur | " | W side of Norfolk St | " |
| | 15. Estate of Nichs Low | " | S side of Madison St | " |
| | 16. Wm G Post | " | E side of Scammel St | " |
| | 17. [James] Ivers | " | N E cor Scammel & Lombardy St | " |
| | 18. F Marchant | " | 200 & 202 Elm Street | " |

I Warren
City Inspector

Which were passed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Viz[t]

For laying Side walks of Mulberry street between Prince and Houston streets and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For laying Side walks in Mott street between Prince & Bleecker streets and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For regulating the 9[th] Avenue from 16[th] to 18[th] Street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented Returns of Delinquents on the Assessment for building a Public Cistern corner of Delancy and Chrystie streets and also in Grand street near the Essex Market [292] Whereupon Warrants were directed to issue to Thomas Cottrell the Collector thereof.

The Committee on Repairs to whom was referred the subject of Cast Iron Pumps presented the following Report in favor of purchasing One Cast Iron Pump.

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution offered by Alderman Engs relative to Cast Iron Pumps Report

That they have made the necessary inquiries, and are of opinion that if introduced they will be found advantageous, in order to try the experiment they beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Committee on Repairs be authorized to purchase a Cast Iron Pump and have the same put in operation.

Thomas T Woodruff
James N Wells
W[m] Mandeville

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Samuel Cornell & of John Brower for Transfer of Butchers Stalls presented the following Report in favor.

[293] The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Cornell to transfer Stall N° 1 Grand street Market to William Lawrence also the Petition of John Brower to transfer Stall N° 10 Greenwich Market to David Brown Respectfully Report

That the said Petitions are accompanied with the necessary Certificate of qualifications & they accordingly offer the following Viz[t]

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to William Lawrence

for Stall N° 1 Grand street Market, and to David Brown for Stall N° 10 Greenwich Market.

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
B. J. Meserole
David Marsh
Jon[a] Seymour

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petitions of Members of Fire Engine N° 22 Also of N° 3 for a New Engine presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Members of Fire Company N° 22 for a new Engine also of [294] Fire Company N° 3 for a New Engine

Respectfully Report.

That the aforesaid Engines have been examined and are in the opinion of your Committee unfit for service, and if repaired would require very extensive and expensive repairs, they would therefore recommend their being replaced with new ones and accordingly offer the following for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs under the direction of the Committee on the Fire Department furnish Fire Engine Companies N° 22 & N° 3 with each a New Engine of the size heretofore adopted by this Board.

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
John Rogers
P W Engs
James Palmer

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred back their Report on the Petition of Merchants for a reduction of the rate of Commutation of Alien Passengers presented the following Report in favor of the same. The former Report [295] was as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of a number of Merchants praying for a reduction of the rate of Commutation money charged for Alien Passengers.

Respectfully Report

That deeming this subject to be one of great importance to the City, the Committee have given it a careful examination and have

heard statements in relation to it, from the proper Officer of the Alms House Department, as well as from a Committee of the Applicants.

The practice in regard to Alien Passengers who arrive in this port, is either to take Bonds from the Masters of the Vessels, with surety, in the mode directed by the Act of the Legislature, or to commute for their future liability by accepting a certain amount in money, which amount has been fixed at $2.50 for each passenger by a Resolution of this Board, and it is discretionary with the Mayor to require such Bonds or accept such commutation as he may think most expedient. In almost every instance where Bonds are taken, the owner or consignee of the Vessel becomes the surety and such sureties are in fact the responsible and interested parties. The system of Bonding is strongly objected to by Merchants because as they allege (and the [296] Committee believe correctly) it exposes them to impositions against which they have no adequate means of guarding. It is not uncommon for paupers to say, that they arrived here in a particular Vessel, and to assume the name of some person who actually did arrive in such Vessel; And it is extremely difficult to detect such a fraud, by which the Merchant becomes saddled with the Alms House bill for the support of such pauper at the rate of Three dollars per week. And independant of such objection, Merchants dislike giving those bonds, as they delay the final settlements of the Accounts of particular Voyages, or expose them to be called upon for payments after such accounts have been closed, which should have been included in them.

For those reasons they prefer the System of commuting, but complain that the rate now charged for each passenger is much too high, particularly in the present depressed state of the shipping interest, and that they are driven to give Bonds, against their will as the lesser of two evils.

The object of the Committee has been to determine how the City revenue may be affected by a reduction in the rate of Commutation. If such reduction will have the effect [297] of inducing Merchants generally to prefer Commuting in every instance where commutation would be received, the Committee are of opinion that the change will be advantageous in a pecuniary point of view to the City. It is certain that a very inconsiderable amount is collected upon the bonds taken in these cases. There is no guarding against the possible insolvency of the obligors or other contingencies which render this a precarious source of revenue, while on the other hand, the general payment of

even a diminished rate of commutation money would in their opinion ensure the actual receipt of a larger annual fund, than what is now derived in both ways. From the Statements and representations made to them, the Committee are strongly inclined to believe, that the effect of a reasonable reduction will be a general commutation in all cases where it may be allowed, and that if no great gain, should result to the City Treasury by the change, its receipts will not be diminished thereby from what they have hitherto been—The Memorial asks for a reduction to fifty cents for each passenger, but your Committee have reason to believe that One dollar would be considered by the Merchants generally who are interested in this subject, as a fair rate; and they recommend therefore that, that [298] rate be adopted for future commutations it being understood however that Bonds may still be required as usual in all cases where it may be deemed expedient to commute.

The Committee conclude by offering the following Resolution for the adoption of the Board.

Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to commute hereafter for Alien passengers at the rate of One dollar for each passenger, in all cases where he shall not deem it expedient to take Bonds of indemnity as provided by Law

W Seaman
Wm W Mott
Peter J Nevius
G Lee.

The Report made at this Meeting was as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred back the Petition of several Merchants for a reduction in the rate of Commutation money for Alien Passengers, together with their former Report upon the said Petition.

Respectfully Report

That they have had the subject of the said Petition and Report again under consideration and have received additional reasons for [299] believing that if the rate of Commutation should be reduced to One Dollar for each passenger as recommended by them in their former Report, the Merchants engaged in the business of bringing passengers to this City, will prefer paying such commutation in all cases to giving Bonds, and that the result will be a larger amount of money received annually from this source than there has hitherto been. The Committee therefore under a full belief that the City will

be benefitted by the adoption of such a measure beg leave to recommend the passage of the Resolution offered by them with their said former Report which is hereunto annexed.

William W Mott
Peter J Nevius
B M Brown

Which was approved, and the Resolution offered in the former Report was adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jonathan Lyon, Owen McCabe, John Devlin & Michael Tally to have the amount remaining due on Contracts for paving paid them presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petitions from Jonathan Lyon Owen McCabe, and from John Devlin and [300] Michael Tally respectively Report

That the Petitioners respectively apply to have the amounts remaining due to them on contracts for paving paid to them, alleging that they are much in want of their money. The Committee on conferring with the Street Commissioner (whose statement of the amounts still due to them respectively is hereto annexed) are of opinion that it would be right and just to comply with the applications of the said Petitioners and they offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that there be paid to Jonathan Lyon the sum of $157.66 being the balance due him on his contract for paving Greenwich street from Bank street to Kill Road. Also to Owen McCabe the *the* sum of 476.81 being the amount of balances due him on his contracts for regulating and paving Jane street from Greenwich Lane to Assylum street, and for paving the 1st Avenue from North to 6th Streets. Also to John Devlin and Michael Tally the sum of $577.27 being the amount due on their contract for regulating and paving Barrow street from the 6th Avenue to the intersection of the Street formerly called Raisin street

William W Mott
Peter J Nevius
[301] B M Brown

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Congregation of Sheareth Israel and also of J Smith & A Gifford relative to a piece of ground on Eleventh street presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Congregation of Sheareth Israel, relative to a certain piece of ground fronting on Eleventh street, Also the Petition of James Smith and Andrew Gifford praying for the privilege of purchasing the same.

Report.

That the said piece of ground was formerly a part of the burying ground of the said Congregation and was awarded to the Corporation at the sum or price of $759.52 by the late proceedings for opening Eleventh street and that the same adjoins and partly fronts the lands of the Petitioners Smith and Gifford.

The Committee have had the respective applicants before them, and it appears that Messrs Smith & Gifford presented their Petition under the impression that the price of the said piece of ground was only $500, on discovering which error, they have expressly declined, any further application [302] for the purchase thereof at the price assessed therefor upon the Corporation. On the other hand the said Congregation to whom a larger amount, was awarded by the said proceedings for damages sustained by taking away another part of their ground for the Street, are willing to take *to* [the] Gore or piece in question at the full amount put upon the same, And allow such amount to be deducted and retained out of the damages so awarded to them.

The Committee are therefore of opinion that their proposition should be acceded to; and they submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel to the Board prepare a Deed to the Trustees of the said Congregation for the said piece of ground at the said price of $759.52 (to be paid in the manner above mentioned) together with the expences of the Deed and that the same be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

William W Mott
Peter J Nevius
B M Brown

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of E Hunt and [303] R B Dore & others for a suspension of the Collection of the Assessments on their property presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petitions of Elvin Hunt and of Robert B Dore and others praying that

the Corporation may suspend the Collection of certain Assessments upon their property

Report.

That the said Assessments are included in the Final return of uncollected Assessments presented to the Board at their last Meeting by the Street Commissioner and which has been referred to this Committee.

The property Assessed has not therefore as yet been advertised for three Months before any sale can be made. As the Board are now also vested by Law with the power of postponing such sales when they may deem it expedient, the Committee think that the proper mode of affording indulgence in such cases would be by exercising that power before the day of sale if the circumstances should then warrant it; And that it would be premature to make any order for the relief of any of the persons so assessed at present. They offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient at this time to grant the prayer of the said Petition.

[304] William W Mott
Peter J Nevius
B M Brown

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of New York & Boston Steam Boat Company, and also of the Proprietors of the Steam Boat Chancellor Livingston for the grant of the Slip at the foot of Courtlandt & Liberty streets presented a Report and also an Ordinance in favor of the same which was read and referred back to the Committee.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Final Return of Delinquents on sundry Assessments presented the following Report in favor of Advertising the same according to Law.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Final returns of delinquents on sundry Assessments presented by the Street Commissioner to the Board on the 28th of June last

Report.

That in their opinion the Assessed property mentioned in the said Returns should be advertized according to Law without delay.

They submit therefore the following [305] Resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause the necessary steps to be taken to Advertize the said property for sale in the usual manner.

William W Mott
Peter J Nevius
B M Brown

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of G W Skellorn late Keeper of the Bridewell for remuneration of expences paid for advertizing and re-capturing certain Prisoners who escaped from Bridewell while he was Keeper thereof presented the following Report

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition and account of George W Skellorn late Keeper of the Bridewell

Report.

That the said Petition is for an allowance of expences incurred by him in advertizing and recapturing certain prisoners who escaped from Bridewell while he was Keeper thereof. The Committee are satisfied that the said escape occurred without fault on the part of Mr Skellorn and that he took prompt measures to re-capture the said prisoners, which resulted in re-taking Eight of the Ten [306] who so escaped. They are of opinion therefore that he should be re-imbursed the expences paid by him for this purpose. Mr Skellorn has however informed the Committee that the sum of $20 charged in the said Account for the services of John Conrey, were not actually paid to him, and as Mr Conrey was then under a Salary as a deputy Keeper of the Bridewell, they see no reason why that item should be allowed. They recommend therefore that the same be deducted and submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of George W Skellorn for One hundred and nine dollars and thirteen cents being the residue of his said Account.

William W Mott
Peter J Nevius
B. M Brown

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the owners & Masters of Providence Packets for the exclusive use of the Slip at the foot of Maiden lane, Also a Remonstrance against the same presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom [307] was referred the Petition of the owners & masters of Providence Packets to have the exclusive use of the head of Fly Market Slip, also a Remonstrance against the same

Report

That having duly considered the subject of the said Petition, and Remonstrance they are of opinion that the application of the Petitioners ought not to be complied with.

They submit therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition.

William W Mott
Peter J Nevius
B M Brown

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Ezra C Terry for leave to assign his interest in the Lease of Lot N° 108 at the corner of William & Duane street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Ezra C Terry for leave to Assign his interest in the Lease of a Lot known as Number 108 and situated on the corner of William and Duane streets granted by the Corporation to the Petitioner and [308] Palmer Clark. Report.

That part of the said Lot has been already Assigned by the Lessees to M^rs^ Flandreau and the Petitioner now wishes to transfer his undivided interest in the remainder to his co-tenant Palmer Clark —The Committee see no objection to giving the Assent of the Corporation to such transfer—And they offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the said Petition be granted

William W Mott
Peter J Nevius
B M Brown

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Road and Street Committees to whom was referred the subject of opening 4^th^ Avenue between Broadway and 28^th^ Street presented the following Report.

The Road and Street Committees to whom was referred the Communication of the Counsel to the Board on the subject of opening

the Fourth Avenue between Broadway and 28th Street that the Supreme Court at their late Sittings had rejected the Report of the Commissioners in the said matter, and that it now remained [309] with this Common Council to determine whether or not it is expedient to abandon the said opening for the present, On all which your Joint Committees respectfully Report that they have given the subject their deliberate consideration, and although public convenience would be somewhat promoted by having that Avenue opened, but inasmuch as the expence of such opening falls oppressively heavy at the present on a few individuals much beyond any benefits that will be derived therefrom Your Committee therefore deem it inexpedient to make further application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above case, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient for this Common Council to make application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of opening the Fourth Avenue from Broadway to twenty eighth Street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
John Lovett
Bernard J Meserole

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was [310] referred the Petition of sundry persons to have a nuisance corrected at the junction of Bank & Washington streets presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have a nuisance corrected at the Junction of Bank & Washington street Respectfully Report—the nuisance complained of is a deposit of water at that place occasioned by the unregulated state of the grounds between Washington and West street, and in order to remedy the evil your Committee recommend that Bank street be filled up and regulated from the present pavement of that Street to West street and accordingly submit the following Resolution. Resolved that Bank street be filled and regulated from the Easterly side of Washington street to West Street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for and Remonstrance against the widening of Dover street from Water to South street presented the following [311] Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for and remonstrance against the widening of Dover street from Water to South street Respectfully Report.

That they have viewed the premises and are of the Opinion that the widening of that Street is much required as from its extensive narrowness (being only 20 feet) it is with difficulty that Carts can pass and from its central location leading to some of the principal business wharves on the East river it is very desirable that access to them should be direct and convenient—Your Committee accordingly would recommend the following Resolutions.

Resolved that it is desirable for public convenience that Dover street be widened and improved from Water street to South street.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the said matter and that the Petition for that purpose be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
[312] John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry persons to have the Bloomingdale Road regulated between 11th and 21st Streets presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition to have the Bloomingdale Road regulated between 14th & 21st Streets

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the regulation of that road or way has become hig[h]ly necessary and proper at this time inasmuch as the surplus Earth can be removed without expence to this Board, and will save to the Public the expence of working it as a highway—Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Bloomingdale Road be dug out and regulated between thirteenth Street and Twenty first Street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[313] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have South street re-paved between Old & Coenties Slip presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have South street re-paved between the Old and Coenties Slips respectfully Report that they have viewed that Street and are of the opinion that it requires to be repaved, and accordingly offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that South Street be re-paved from the Old Slip to Coenties Slip

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Pine street widen[ed]*ing* at the corner of William street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Pine street widened at the corner of William street by taking a portion of the corner Lot (now vacant) and of the adjoining [314] Store which projects on Pine street, Respectfully

Report.

That your Committee have viewed the premises and are of the opinion that the widening of that Street as asked for by the Petitioners would add much to their convenience as it is at present very narrow, and the expence at this time small, as the corner Lot is now vacant, and the adjoining building would receive but little injury, they accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that Pine Street be widened and improved by taking a small part of the vacant Lot corner of William street and of the adjoining building and Lot agreeably to a Map or plan herewith pre-

sented and that it is desirable that the same should be ordered and directed to be done.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the said matter and that the Petition for that purpose be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
*[314] William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have 6th Street paved from the 2d to the 3d Avenue presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Sixth street paved from the 2d to the 3d Avenue

Respecfully Report

That in their opinion, that part of Sixth street ought to be paved, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that Sixth street be paved from the Second Avenue to the Third Avenue

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Eli Corey & others to have Side walks of Thompson street paved from Prince to Houston street presented the following Report [316] in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Eli Corey and others to have the side walks of Thompson street paved from Prince street to Houstoun street Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the walks of that Street ought to be paved and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

Resolved that the Side walks of Thompson street be paved from Prince to Houstoun street

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of widening and relaying the side walks of Duane street between Augustus and Cross streets presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of widening and relaying the side walks of Duane street between Augustus street and Cross street Respectfully Report [317] That in their Opinion the widening and repaving those walks ought to be done, and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the side Walks of Duane street be widened and relaid from Augustus street to Cross street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Clarkson street paved from Washington to West street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition to have Clarkson street paved from Washington street to West street respectfully Report that in their opinion the paving that Street is much required, Accordingly they submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that Clarkson Street be paved from Washington Street to West street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
[318] John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of W^m^ J Pinckney and others to have side walks of Elizabeth Street widened presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of W^m J Pinckney and others to have the Side walks of Elizabeth street widened and repaired between Walker and Grand streets respectfully

Report.

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the side walks of Elizabeth street be widened and repaired from Walker street to Grand Street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[319] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have 21^st Street paved from 8^th to 9^th Avenue presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition to have 21^st Street Paved from the 8^th to the 9^th Avenue respectfully

Report.

That in their opinion that part of 21^st Street ought to be paved and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved that Twenty first street be paved between the Eighth and the Ninth Avenues.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition to have a Well & Pump in Cherry between Pike and Rutgers street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Seventh Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have [320] a Well & Pump placed in Cherry street between Pike and Rutgers street Respectfully

Report

That in their opinion a Well & Pump is much required at that place and therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a Pump placed therein in Cherry street between Pike and Rutgers street

W Seaman
R Graves.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have 20th Street paved from 6th to 9th Avenue presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition to have 20th Street paved from the Sixth to the Ninth Avenue.

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion that Street requires to be paved inasmuch as that from the large quantity of Water flowing through it and small descent the Cellars are inundated and which cannot be prevented but by paving the same—They accordingly recommend the [321] adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that Twentieth street be regulated and paved from the Sixth Avenue to the Ninth Avenue.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto

For a Well & Pump in Cherry street between Pike and Rutgers street and John Leonard Alpheus Sherman and Cornelius Harsen appointed Assessors.

For regulating the Bloomingdale Road from 13th to 21st Street and Abraham Bloodgood Cornelius J Roosevelt and Pine Hopkins were appointed Assessors.

For widening Side walks of Duane street from Augustus to Cross street and John Leonard, Alpheus Sherman, and Cornelius Harsen were appointed Assessors.

[322] For repaving South street from Old to Coenties Slip and Abraham Dally, Samuel Purdy and Peter Ogilvie Junr were appointed Assessors.

For paving 21st Street from 8th to 9th Avenue And John Harris, Jedediah B Leister and John Slidell were appointed Assessors.

For widening Side walks of Elizabeth street and John Targee, Abraham Quick & Reuben Munson were appointed Assessors.

For paving Clarkson street from Washington to West street and James Fairlie Peter Stagg & Abraham Le Foy were appointed Assessors.

For paving Side walks of Thompson street from Prince to Houston street and Shivers Parker, Thomas R Smith and Samuel Gilford Junr were appointed assessors.

For paving 20th Street from 6th to 9th Avenue and John Lozier, Abraham Baudoine and Jacob S Baker were appointed Assessors.

[323] For paving 6th Street from 2d to 3d Avenue and Gideon Tucker, Everardus Warner & Gabriel Van Cotts were appointed Assessors

For regulating Bank street from Washington street to West street and David Lyon, William Lockwood and Charles Dusenbury were appointed Assessors.

The Counsel presented the following Report relative to a suit against the Corporation for damage done to a Vessel by a log projecting under water.

The Counsel to the Board Respectfully Reports, that in the suit lately commenced against the Corporation by Stephen Miller to recover damages for injury done to his Sloop by a Log projecting under water from the Pier at the foot of Warren street, and which was referred to Jonathan J Coddington Isaac Frost & James W Gerard, the plaintiff has recovered for his damages and Costs the sum of $1307.50 and that payment thereof has been demanded.

R Emmet

Whereupon Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that the Comptroller Report a Warrant in favor of Robert Emmet for the sum of $1307.50 to pay the amount recovered in [324] the suit brought by Stephen Miller against the Corporation.

The Counsel presented the following Report of a Lease to John Hance for a Lot of Land Sold for Assessments

The Counsel to the Board respectfully submits herewith a Lease drawn from the Corporation to John Hance for certain Lots of land purchased by him for a term of years at a sale for Assessments on the 24th June 1828 and for which he received a Certificate. The said

Lots were not redeemed within the time allowed by Law. He submits also the following Resolution.

"Resolved that the above mentioned Lease to John Hance be authenticated in the usual manner and delivered to him

R Emmet

Whereupon the Report was approved and the Resolution attached thereto Adopted

The Counsel presented the following which was directed to be filed

The Counsel to the Board respectfully Reports that he has investigated the Title of John G Tebbetts to a Lot of ground on Gouverneur Street (Market 12 A) in conformity with a Report [325] made by the Committee on the Fire Department at the last Meeting of the Board and that the said Title is satisfactory to him.

R Emmet

The Counsel presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board take the necessary measures to obtain from the Commissioners of the Land Office a grant to the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York of so much of the land under water of the East River or Sound as lies opposies to the two Lots of ground belonging to the said Mayor Alderman and Commonalty at Williamsburgh in Kings County, at and from low water mark, and running Four hundred feet out into the said River.

Alderman Nevius presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that William street be regulated and repaved from Maiden Lane to Pine street.

Upon Motion of Alderman Stevens [326] it was Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to enquire and Report how far the Inspector of Wharves, or the Contractor for building the Wharf was liable to the Corporation in consequence of the injury sustained by the Vessel of Stephen Miller, for which said Miller has recovered from the Corporation damages to the amount of $1307^{5}/_{100}$.

Alderman Wells presented the following Resolution which was read and Adopted.

Resolved that the Counsel to the Board be directed to commence such legal proceedings as may be necessary to obtain possession of the premises known as Fort Gansevoort in the Ninth ward of this City.

Alderman Isaac Brown presented the following Resolutions which were read and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committee to enquire into the propriety of repaving William street between Pearl and Duane streets

Resolved that the Street Committee enquire into the propriety of re-paving Duane [327] Street between William and Chatham streets.

Mr Engs presented an Ordinance relative to Swine running at large which was read and referred to the Police Committee.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 11th Ward presented the following Resolution.

Resolved that Mathew Vogle be and he is hereby appointed Ward Inspector of the 11th Ward in the place of Abram Hatfield

A motion was made to lay the same on the Table which was lost— A motion was made to proceed to Ballot which was suspended by a Motion to refer it to a Special Committee which was carried and the Mayor appointed on that Committee Mr Jeremiah Ald Palmer Mr Scott Ald I Brown Meserole

Alderman Meserole presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Repairs to Report.

Resolved that the Committee on Repairs be directed to put the fence around [328] the Jail and Bridewell in repair the same being a Nuisance.

Mr Mandeville presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that the propriety of re-paving Vesey street from Washington to West street be referred to the Street Committee.

Mr Dibblee presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that the Side walks of the first Avenue be paved from North street to second Street.

Alderman Woodruff presented the following Resolution.

Resolved that John B Schmelzel be and he is hereby appointed an Inspector of Election for the Fifth ward in place of Gideon Tucker who has declined his appointment.

Mr Arcularius nominated John Van Beuren as Inspector—The Board proceeded to Ballot for a person for that Office, when John B Schmelzel had a Majority of votes [329] and was declared duly appointed.

A Remonstrance of a number of persons against Removing Catharine Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Evans to release in fee to the Corporation certain Lots in payment of the Assessment assessed upon said Lots for filling 5th Street between Avenue A & C was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Upon Motion of Alderman Isaac Brown the Report of the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the Petition of G. S. Mount and others for the extension of Piers on the East and West sides of James Slip was called up and read as follows.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition to have the Piers on the sides of James Slip extended

Respectfully Report

That in consequence of the filling of James Slip to South street it has become necessary to afford some other and more suitable accommodations for the Vessels frequenting that Slip and therefore recommend that the Piers on [330] each side be extended with a Block and Bridge to each, the cost of which to this Board would probably not exceed Four thousand dollars. Your Committee accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Piers on the Easterly side and Westerly side of James Slip be extended into the River by adding a Block and Bridge to each.

John Lovett
Isaac Brown
Joseph W Beadel
Peter J Nevius

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Comptroller reported the following Cash Account

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|---|---|
| Balance as per Actt 28 June | 208.62 |
| Recd for Streets | 8553. |
| " Tax of 1829 | 6809.94 |
| " Rents | 3464.62 |
| " Tavren Licences | 3434. |
| " Street Manure for June | 1605.30 |
| " Justices Courts | 918.19 |
| " Commutation Alien Passengers | 430. |
| " Wells & Pumps | 200. |
| " Superior Court fees | 180.50 |
| " [331] Arrears of Tax | 117.19 |
| " Mayoralty fees | 88. |
| | $26.009.36 |

61 Accounts audited and directed to be paid

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|---|---|
| R Graves St Comr for repairs Cupola City Hall Warrant issued 1 July | 1500. |
| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st Dist | 1386. |
| Astin & Field " 2d " | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring " 3d " | 945. |
| W Bowne Mayor Salary 1 Qr 2d July | 750. |
| R Graves St Comr " 1 Qr 1 July | 500. |
| George B Smith Asst St Comr 1 Qr 15 July | 500. |
| Jacob Hays High constable 1 Qr 1 July | 125. |
| Ald Nevius attending Courts 6 Mo to 1 July 16 days | 64. |
| Mott do " 16 days | 64. |
| Stevens Do " 3 days | 12. |
| I Brown Do " 3 days | 12. |
| Strong Do " 16 days | 64. |
| Seaman Do " 16 | 64. |
| B M Brown Do " 32 | 128. |
| Wells Do " 17 | 68. |
| Meserole Do " 34 | 136. |
| Marsh Do " 16 | 64. |
| Palmer Do " 14 | 56. |
| Woodruff Do " 12 | 48. |
| Francis Peckwell Dinner 5 July | 1000. |
| L Baum Clerk Washington Market 1 Mo 1 July | 80.67 |
| [332] John Martine Clerk Tompkins Market 2 Mo 1 July | 61. |
| J O Woodruff Keeper Penitentiary & 2 Asts 1 Qur 1 July | 500. |
| D. T. Valentine Marshal Marine Court 1 Mo do | 32.50 |
| A Leggett Superdt Mud Scow 2 weeks to 11 July | 146.13 |
| Evening Post Subscription 6 Months 1 June | 50. |
| Samuel Judd 23 Casks Oil | 1557.33 |
| G Snethen lights Lamps 1 Mo 1 July | 1451.80 |
| G Snethen Super Lamps 1 Qr Salary 1 July | 187.50 |
| R Provoost painting & Glazing Lamps &c 1 Mo " | 71.62 |
| Isaac T Ludlum Surveys &c 1 Qr 1 July | 313.93 |
| J. F Bridges 6 Mo do " | 197.17 |
| Daniel Ewen Do 1 Qr " | 129.53 |
| M Talley Actt pavg Troy St fm G[reenwich] Lane to Asylum St | 100. |
| P McBarron repairs Intersections & Accepted Streets 6th Ward | 243.18 |
| P McBarron flagging Side walk Centre St front C block | 199.44 |
| R Pettigrew flagging & repaving around Tompkins Market | 1885.54 |
| R Graves St Comr bal improving Hell Gate Ferry | 750. |
| Jas Blackwell Interest on Bond 1 Qur 15 July | 212.50 |
| John G Tebbetts for Lot of Ground for Engine No 33 | 1000. |
| J Gamble Junr preparing Ammunition for Troops 5 July | 49.81 |
| Gould Banks & Co 40 Laws of the State 1830 | 84.90 |
| J M Bloodgood Superdt Streets Expences 1 Mo 1 July | 2450.37 |

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| Judge Irving Attending Court Com Pleas | | 6 Mo | 1 July | 65 | days | 130. |
| Ald Nevius | do | " | 3 | " | | 6. |
| Mott | Do | " | 2 | " | | 4. |
| Stevens | Do | " | 1 | " | | 1. |
| [333] I Brown | Do | " | 1 | " | | 2. |
| Strong | Do | " | 3 | " | | 6. |
| Seaman | Do | " | 3 | " | | 6. |
| B M Brown | Do | " | 3 | " | | 6. |
| Wells | Do | " | 2 | " | | 4. |
| Meserole | Do | " | 3 | " | | 6. |
| Marsh | Do | " | 1 | " | | 2. |
| Lee | Do | " | 1 | " | | 2. |
| Palmer | Do | " | 3 | " | | 6. |
| Woodruff | Do | " | 3 | " | | 6. |
| John Fleming Treasr pd witnesses ordered by Court..... | | | | | | 10. |
| A Burtis Super Alms House for Alms House..... | | | | | | 5000. 25.829.54 |
| | | | | | Balance | $179.82 |

The Board then Adjourned to this day a fortnight at 5 OClock

[334] In Common Council July 26th 1830

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants. |
|---|---|
| Peter J Nevius | James I Roosevelt |
| Samuel Stevens | Jonathan Seymour |
| Isaac Brown | William Mandeville |
| Anthony Lamb | David Bryson |
| George D Strong | Henry Arcularius |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M Brown | John Rogers |
| James N Wells | Thomas Jeremiah |
| Bernard J Meserole | Fyler Dibblee |
| Gideon Lee | John Lovett |
| James Palmer | Philip W Engs |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last Meeting was read and approved.

The Return of the Clerk of the City and County of the Election of Alderman of the 5th Ward in the place of David Rogers Esquire absent. From which it appeared that [335] Anthony Lamb was duly elected. Upon Motion of the Recorder, the Clerk was directed to give information to Mr Lamb of his Election. Mr Lamb being in the Hall the Clerk waited upon him and introduced him to the Common Council

Chamber when the Oath prescribed [by] Law was administered by *the* his Honor the Mayor to Alderman Lamb who was thereupon conducted by the Clerk to his Seat at the Board.

The Account of James Pinkerton for sewer and paving at Barclay street presented to the Board by the Comptroller 17th May last and referred to the Street Committee, was again presented and the payment suspended until the Street Committee Report thereon.

Two Communications were received from Jacob Hardenbrook Deputy Keeper of the Penitentiary agreeably to a Resolution of the Board reporting the escape of One Prisoner from the Penitentiary, and two from the sewer in Canal street while cleaning the same, was referred to the Police Committee.

A Communication was received from Arthur Burtis Superintendant of the Alms House that under the Ordinances of the [336] Corporation prohibiting Swine running at large, he had taken several running in the Streets. An Action of Trover was brought by Thomas H White owner of one of the Swine and a Verdict was returned by the Jury in favor of the Plaintiff. He made the representation for instruction on the subject. Whereupon the Communication was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Elias Hicks and John T Raynor respectively for the Office of Deputy Clerk of the Police Office were read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of William B Crosby to have Cherry street between Rutgers and Clinton Streets regulated and paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William Hicks & Henry Osborne respectively to be appointed Measurers of Coal were read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of Tobias Ryckman to be appointed to the Office of Street Inspector of [337] the 9th Ward was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Letter was presented by the Mayor received by him from Peter S Townsend Esqr Assistant of 6th Ward, dated Island of Cuba July 3d 1830 stating that his health was so far restored by the Voyage & a months residence in the Island that he expected to be enabled soon to resume the duties of the Office with which the Ward had honored him. Whereupon the same was directed to be filed.

A Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of Canal street against cleaning the Sewer at this time, was read and referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of William C Houseman & others to have side walks of Fourth street paved from Bowery to Broadway was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William Van Buskirk to be compensated for the loss of his Horse which fell from the Centre pier of Peck Slip in consequence of the same being out of Repair was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

[338] A Petition of Simon Fleet Clerk of Centre Market for an increase of Salary was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Robert R Lorton to be relieved from a Fine for selling Liquor without Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Patrick Reilly to be remunerated for the loss of a Horse stating that he was drawn to serve as a Juror before Judge Flanagans Court that supposing he would not be detained he had driven his horse and Cart to the Justices House and fastened him there, but the Jury were out all night, and during the time the Horse fell down and died. And praying some pecuniary relief. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Charity.

A Petition of Francis Verille of the 12th Ward to be relieved from a fine & Costs for permitting a Dog to run at large was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of N W Seymour & others for a Well & Pump corner of Bayard [339] and Christie streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of William Walker & others to have Eldridge street paved between Hester and Division streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Charles Dean to be employed in the Medical Department of the Alms House was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A Petition of William Parseyl & others to have the Side walks in Barrow street paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Cumming for Ballances due him on Sundry Contracts for paving severall streets was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of William Christie & others to have the Side walks of Morton street paved between Bleecker and Bedford streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[340] A Petition of William W Wetmore Junr Abraham Dally & Patrick Mollaghan severally for the Office of City Guager were read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Robert W Piggott & others to be organized into a Company to take charge of an Engine to be located in the vicinity of Essex Market was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of a number of persons for the Removal of that part of Catharine Market which is situated between Cherry and Water street, that the lower Meat Market be removed and a new Market erected between Water and South streets—Also a Remonstrance of a number of persons, against said Petition, and one from the Butchers of the Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Thompson for an extension of time to pay the sum due to the Corporation on contract for dirt on 8th Avenue was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of R. C. Wetmore to be [341] remunerated for damage done his House at York Ville by blasting Rocks on the 3d Avenue was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Peter Remsen & others for the Removal of the Pump in Hanover Square, also to have a Cross walk laid from the corner of Pearl to the North side of Hanover Square was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 1st Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Thomas McKie & others against paving the side walks of West street between Harrison and Hubert streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John O Mara now confined in the Debtors Prison for relief from the payment of a Fine for selling liquors without Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee with powers

A Petition of James Williams praying that an Ordinance in relation to his Cow Stables in Mercer street may be *re-enacted* [repealed] was read and laid on the Table.

[342] The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen the resignations were Accepted and appointments made.

Fire Engine Co

No 1

Samuel Moore Carpenter—169 Chapel St To fill the Company

N° 12

Sidney B Hatfield Painter 95 Canal S[t] To fill the Company

N° 15

Charles H Moffatt Resigned

N° 16.

William P Barker—Lottery Office 139½ Grand S[t]

To fill the Company

N° 19

Ditmer Kreps Brass founder 132 Hester S[t]

V[c] Joseph Waterbury—Resigned

N° 24

William Cowan Cabinet Maker Wooster S[t]

V[c] Cha[s] S Miller Resigned

Supply C°

N° 1

Charles A Macy Accountant 187 Harman S[t].

V[c] Cornelius Schenck Resigned

[343] The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| N° | 1. | N W Stuyvesant | Owner | W side 3[d] Avenue Lots |
| | 2. | J. M Beltsoe | " | N° 42 Harrison S[t] Stable |
| | 3. | Benj[m] Archer & wife | " | W side of Mott S[t] Lots |
| | 4. | Dominick Haron | " | " Do |
| | 5. | John Suydam | " | 40 West S[t] Cellar |
| | 6. | Garrit H Vanwagenen | " | S E corner 7[th] Avenue & 12[th] S[t] Lots & Stable |
| | 7. | Albert Wyckoff | " | " Do |
| | 8. | Alex[r] J Hamilton | " | E side Bloomingdale Road Lots |
| | 9. | " " | " | B 13[th] and 14[th] Streets Do |
| | 10. | William Lee | " | N° 137 Wooster Do |
| | 11. | Caleb T Ward | " | 10 & 11[th] S[ts] " |
| | 12. | Charles Osborn | " | N W cor Grand & Lewis S[t] " |
| | 13. | Stephen Myers | " | E side West Street " |
| | 14. | Estate of Jacob Leroy Dec[d] | " | N W cor Broome & Pitt S[t] " |
| | 15. | George S Watkins | owner | E side West S[t] " |
| | 16. | Edw[d] Innet | " | " " |
| | 17. | Christian Zabriskie | " | " " |
| | 18. | Jacob P Roome & Son | " | " " |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19. | Dr E. L. Winthrop | owner | N side North St | Lots |
| 20. | William Graham | " | W side 1st Avenue | " |
| 21. | Estt Wm Edgar Decd | " | No 60 Columbia St | " |
| 22. | " Garrit B Abeel | " | E side of Clinton St | " |
| 23. | [344] William G Post | " | 348 Madison St | " |
| 24. | Thomas Cooper | " or | Lessee 46 Chrystie St | A Privy |

I Warren City Inspectr

Which were read and passed.

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for filling in sunken Lots at the public expence and having a Lien thereon Vizt

To fill in sunken Lots on the North side of Perry street between Washington and West streets.

To fill in the sunken Lots on Easterly side of Green street between Bleecker & Amity streets.

To fill in sunken Lots between Avenue D and Lewis streets & between 5th & 6th Streets.

To fill in sunken Lots on the North West corner of 5th Avenue and 11th Street

The Counsel presented the following Report on Certificate of Lots sold for Assessments on 22d day of March last.

The Counsel to the Board respectfully submits herewith Seventy eight Certificates to be delivered to the purchasers of Lots sold for Assessments on the 22d day of [345] March last, and he suggests the propriety of passing the following Resolution.

Resolved that the said Certificates be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board

R Emmet.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

| No. of Years | [346] To Whom Sold | Streets | Between What Streets | Amount paid | No. of Lots or Pieces |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | William S Sears | Nassau | Pine & Cedar | $341.99 | 1 |
| 10 | Joseph Foster | 6th Avenue | 10th & 12th Streets | | 1 |
| 5 | Do | Do | Do | 192.23 | 1 |
| 8 | Do | 12th Street | 5th & 6th Avenues | | 1 |
| 7 | Edward Curtis | 13th Street | Broadway & 5th Ave | 33.06 | 1 |
| 13 | Thomas Carpenter | Do | Do | 547.59 | 14 |
| 15 | A R Walsh | Do | 6th & 7th Avenues | | 1 |
| 16 | Do | Do | Do | 200.92 | 1 |
| 14 | Peter Remsen | Do | Do | | 1 |
| 14 | Do | Do | Do | 188.47 | 1 |
| 1 | George Lovett | Green St | Bleeker & Amity | 30.61 | 1 |
| 9 | Peter Smith | Madison | Montgmy & Govenr | 92.40 | 1 |
| 13 | Do | Do | Gour & Scammel | | 1 |
| 10 | Zephaniah Platt | Do | Do | 34.56 | 1 |
| 8 | William P Bolles | Pike | Madison & Henry | 62.26 | 1 |
| 19 | Richard R Ward | Jane | Asylum & Hudson | 98.55 | 2 |
| 17 | Francis B Cutting | Do | Do | 125.06 | 2 |
| 15 | John Molard | Hudson | Troy & Jane St | 47.75 | 1 |
| 10 | Isaac Amerman | Do | Jane & Horatio | 67.63 | 1 |
| 17 | Francis B Cutting | Jane | Hudson & Asylum | 138.31 | 2 |
| 14 | Do | Do | Do | 120.64 | 2 |
| 6 | Isaac Amerman | Bowery | 15 & 16th St | 17.89 | 1 |
| 5 | William Osborn | Willett | Delancy & Rivington | 17.84 | 1 |
| 6 | William W Fox | Dow[n]ing | Bedford & Bleecker | 39.22 | 2 |
| 30 | William Post | 5 Avenue | 93 & 94th Streets | 16.08 | 2 |
| 40 | [347] Do | 94th Street | 4 & 5 Avenue | 18.50 | 3 |
| 20 | Do | 5th Avenue | Cor. 94th Street | 22.72 | 2 |
| 80 | Do | 91st Street | 4 & 5 Avenue | 13.46 | 1 |
| 70 | Do | Do | Do | 14.50 | 2 |
| 85 | Do | 94th Street | Do | 14.50 | 2 |
| 20 | Do | Do | Do | 26.43 | 1 piece |

| No. of Years | To Whom Sold | Streets | Between What Streets | Amount paid | No. of Lots or Pieces |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 95 | John Harris | 100th Street | 4 & 5 Avenue | 13.79 | 1 |
| 90 | Zephaniah Platt | Do | Do | 13.79 | 1 |
| 4 | Owen Geary | 6th Avenue | 29th & 30th Streets | 501.06 | 1 piece |
| 46 | Isaac Amerman | 86th Street | 3d & 4 Avenues | 47.72 | 2 lots |
| 45 | George Lovett | Do | Do | 65.37 | 4 |
| 75 | Do | Do | 4th & 5th Avenues | 38.89 | 3 |
| 85 | Do | Do | Do | 56.55 | 1 piece |
| 50 | Robert Pettigrew | Do | Do | 91.85 | 8 lots |
| 40 | Do | 3d Avenue | 86th & 87th Streets | 149.23 | 4 |
| 30 | Do | Do | 85 & 86th Streets | 51.03 | 1 piece |
| 30 | Alva Finch | 86th Street | 4th & 5th Avenues | 31.17 | 2 lots |
| 1 | Peter D Myers | Henry | Rutgers & Pike | 38.12 | 1 |
| 2 | Richard R Ward | Do | Cath & Oliver | 64.12 | 1 |
| 5 | Do | Governeur | Cor Harman | 32.11 | 1 |
| 3 | George W Berrian | Harman | near Governeur St | 26.04 | 1 |
| 7 | Edward Curtis | 5th Street | Lewis & Mangin | 1554.04 | 1 piece |
| 1 | William Osborn | Prince | Cor. Elizabeth | 20.59 | 1 lot |
| 7 | David Demarest | Arden | Herring & Bedford | 55.84 | 3 |
| 1 | Joseph Townsend | Bowery | 8th & 9th Streets | 48.90 | 1 |
| 14 | James I Roosevelt | Mulberry | Prince & Houston | 30.36 | 1 |
| 1 | [348] Elias Dixon | Bowery | 8th & 9th Streets | 134.05 | 1 |
| 1 | Do | 8th Street | Bdway & Bowery | 134.05 | 1 |
| 1 | Joseph Townsend | Do | Art & 8th Street | 194.88 | 1 |
| 1 | Francis B Cutting | Rivington | Orchard & Allen | 18.40 | 1 |
| 7 | Michael Dougherty | Scammel | Madison & Henry | 81.67 | 1 |
| 5 | James De Peyster | Do | Do & Lombardy | 60.00 | 1 |
| 5 | William Osborn | Do | Do & Henry | 38.51 | 1 |
| 3 | John H Brower | 2d Avenue | 1st & 2d Streets | 40.98 | 1 |
| 15 | Francis B Cutting | Greenwich Lane | Jane & Horatio | 91.54 | 1 |
| 1 | Daniel Demarest | Division | Clinton & Governeur | 37.68 | 1 |
| 2 | Do | Do | Do | 37.68 | 1 |

| No. of Years | To Whom Sold | Streets | Between What Streets | Amount paid | No. of Lots or Pieces |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | Jameson Cox | 13th Street | 6th & 7th Avenues | 122.54 | 2 |
| 19 | John L Graham | Do | 5th & 6th Avenues | 209.40 | 3 |
| 5 | J J Coddington | Bowery & 15th St | Bowery & 3d Avenue | 215.66 | 2 |
| 18 | F B Cutting | 17th Street | 7th Avenue & Warren Road | 81.99 | 5 |
| 20 | Do | Jane | Hudson & Asylum | 87.46 | 2 |
| 18 | George W Berrian | Greenwich Lane | Jane & Horatio | 197.48 | 3 |
| 17 | Richard R Ward | Mulberry | Prince & Houston | 108.01 | 1 |
| 1 | Isaac Amerman | Herring | Jones & Barrow | 88.79 | 1 |
| 20 | William Post | 5th Avenue 93d St | 93d St 4 & 5th Avenues | 34.84 | 10 |
| 40 | Do | 96 & 97th Streets | 5th & 6 Avenues | 23.21 | 8 |
| 80 | John Molard | 92d & 93d Streets | Do | 19.02 | 4 |
| 30 | William Post | 91st & 92d Streets | Do | 29.84 | 12 |
| 38 | Zephaniah Platt | 90th & 91st Streets | Do | 29.84 | 12 |
| 50 | Robert Pettigrew | 4th Avenue 86th St | 4th Ave. 86th St | 81.02 | 2 |
| 17 & 20 | Richard R Ward | 12th Street | 5 & 6 Avenues | 55.62 | 2 |

The Committee on Repairs and the Comptroller presented the following Report on the Accounts of the Superintendent of Repairs for Six Months.

The Committee of Repairs and the Comptroller respectfully Report, that they have examined the accounts of Jacob P Roome Superintendent of Repairs from 4th January to 7 July 1830

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| He has received by Warrants..... | $21,516.00 | |
| Articles Sold ..... | 685.60 | |
| | | $22,201.60 |
| Paid out, Agreeably to Vouchers examined by the Committee of Repairs 100 Accounts..... | $22.043.30 | |
| Balance due Superdt of Repairs 4 Jany 1830..... | 86.49 | 22.129.79 |
| Balance due Corporation 7 July 1830..... | | $71.81 |

Thomas T Woodruff
James N Wells
William Mandeville
G N Bleecker Comptr

Which was Accepted and Ordered to be filed.

[349] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well & Pump in Grove street near Bleecker street, together with objections against the same, which was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving Side walks in Centre street between Franklin and White streets which was confirmed and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Returns of Delinquents on sundry Assessments which were read and Warrants ordered to be issued to the Collectors thereof Vizt

For opening 15th Street from Bowery to Hudson River.

For regulating Lewis street between North & 8th Street.

For Well & Pump in Amity between Mercer & Green streets.

For Well & Pump in Charles street between Washington and West streets. Warrant to issue to Thomas Cottrell the Collector thereof.

Also For Public Cisterns in front of Methodist Church in Bedford Street

For Public Cisterns corner of Hester [350] and Elizabeth streets.

For Public Cisterns corner of Broome and Ridge streets.

For opening 18th Street between Broadway and Fitz Roy road.

For Well & Pump in 10th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues Warrant to issue to John Hanmer the Collector thereof.

The Police Committee to whom was referred the charges against Resolvent Stephens made by Mr Conrey late deputy Keeper of the Bridewell presented a Report which was read and Laid on the Table.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Communication of the Chief Engineer respecting the Hose of Fire Engine Company No 44 being cut and destroyed at the late Fire in Walnut street presented the following Report.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the communication of the Chief Engineer, respecting the Hose of Fire Engine Company No 44 being cut and destroyed at the late Fire in Walnut street.

Beg leave respectfully to Report.

[351] That they have fully examined in the subject committed to them, and from all the information they *they* have been enabled to procure, they are convinced that the Hose has been destroyed after the fire was extinguished, and the Engine placed in the House, the same must have been entered by some person or persons intending to destroy the Public property.

This being in the opinion of your Committee a case which requires prompt and efficient measures to bring the offenders to punishment, they offer the following for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that the Mayor be requested to offer a Reward of Fifty Dollars, to such person or persons who may give such information as may tend to convict the offenders of the above Offence

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
James Palmer
William Scott
John Rogers
Samuel Stevens
P. W Engs

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the several documents relative [352] to the Petition of Nichs W Messerve for Stall No 16 Fulton Market presented the following Report in favor of N W Messerve receiving Licence for said Stall.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the several Petitions

and documents of Nicholas W Messerve and also of Jacob Manolt respecting the Transfer of Stall N° 16 Fulton Market

beg leave Respectfully to Report.

That they have heard the several Petitioners and from their statement it would appear, that M^r Jacob Manolt has lately become bankrupt & M^r Messerve has obtained a judgment against him for Fifteen hundred and ninety five Dollars damages and Six cents costs the balance due him on said Stall.

It is proposed by M^r Messerve to re-pay to M^r Manolt the sum of Five hundred Dollars and to receive the Stall again in his possession, this in the opinion of your Committee is reasonable and just, and M^r Manolt has agreed to the same: Your Committee offer for the consideration of the Common Council the following Viz^t

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to Nicholas W Messerve for Stall N° 16 Fulton Market upon his paying the [353] above sum of Five hundred dollars.

Benjamin M Brown
W Seaman
B. J Meserole
Jon^a Seymour

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Side walks of 2^d Avenue paved from First to Second street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have the Side walks of the Second Avenue paved from Second street to First street respectfully Report

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Side walks of Second Avenue be paved from the First street to Second street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[354] The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of paving Side walks of 1^st Avenue from North to 2^d Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of paving the Side walks of the First Avenue from North street to Second street respectfully Report

That in their opinion the walks of that Avenue ought to be paved and therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Side walks of the First Avenue be paved from North street to Second street.

Thomas T Woodruff
William Scott
John Rogers
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of repaving William street from Maiden Lane to Pine street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of repaving William street from Maiden Lane to Pine street Respectfully

[355] Report

That William street having been recently widened and improved renders it necessary that it should be repaved, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that William street be re-paved and the Side walks laid from Maiden Lane to Pine street.

Thomas T Woodruff
William Scott
John Rogers
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Morton street paved from Washington to West street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry persons to have Morton street paved from Washington Street to West street

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion that Street ought to be paved, and accordingly offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that Morton street be paved from Washington street to West street.

Thomas T Woodruff
[356] William Scott
John Rogers
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry persons to have Market Street widened between Harman and Division streets presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Market street widened between Harman street and Division street

Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion that part of Market street ought to be widened at that place, now that the Leases from the Rutgers family have expired, and the buildings of little or no value.

They therefore submit the following Resolutions.

Resolved that it is desirable for public convenience that Market street be widened between Harman street and Division street.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the said matter and that the Petition for the purpose be [357] authenticated during the recess of the Board in the usual manner.

Thomas T Woodruff
William Scott
John Rogers
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Lewis street regulated and repaved between North and 3$^{d}$ Streets, and for regulating 8$^{th}$ Street from Avenue D to Lewis street presented the following Report.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Lewis street regulated and repaved between North and Third streets; And for regulating 8$^{th}$ Street between Avenue D and Lewis street —Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the re-paving of Lewis street is necessary and proper, and ought to be carried into effect. But the regulating of Eighth street is in their opinion inexpedient at this time.

Accordingly they submit the following resolutions.

Resolved that Lewis street be regulated and repaved from North street to the Northerly side of Third street.

[358] Resolved that it is inexpedient to fill and regulate Eighth street from Avenue D to Lewis street.

Thomas T Woodruff
William Scott
John Rogers
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of re-paving Vesey street from Washington to West street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of repaving Vesey street from Washington street to West street Respectfully

Report

That the repaving of that part of Vesey street is much required and therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that Vesey street be repaved between Washington and West streets.

Thomas T Woodruff
William Scott
John Rogers
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[359] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Side walks of Downing street laid from Bleecker to Varick street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the side walks laid in Downing street from Bleecker Street to Varick street

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the walks of that Street ought to be paved, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Side walks of Downing street be paved from Bleecker street to Varick street.

Thomas T Woodruff
William Scott
John Rogers
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of re-paving William street from Pearl to Duane street, and of Duane street from William to Chatham street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of re-paving William street [360] from Pearl street to Duane street, and of Duane street *and of Duane street* from William street to Chatham street.

Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion the repaving of those parts of William and Duane street is much required and therefore submit the following Resolutions.

Resolved that William street be repaved from Pearl street to and including the intersection of Duane street.

Resolved that Duane street be repaved from William street to Chatham street.

Thomas T Woodruff
William Scott
John Rogers
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto.

For repaving William street from Maiden Lane to Pine street and John Targee Abraham Quick and Reuben Munson were appointed Assessors.

[361] For repaving parts of William and Duane streets and Shivers Parker, Thomas R Smith and Samuel Gilford Jr were appointed Assessors.

For repaving Lewis street from North to 3d Street and John Lozier, Abraham Baudoine and Jacob S Baker were appointed Assessors.

For repaving Vesey street from Washington to West street and Gideon Tucker, Everardus Warner and Gabriel Van Cotts were appointed Assessors.

For paving Morton street from Washington to West street and James Fairlie, Peter Stagg & Abm Le Foy were appointed Assessors

For paving Side walks of 1st Avenue from North to Second street and David Lyon William Lockwood & Charles Dusenbury were appointed Assessors.

For paving the side of walks of 2d Avenue from 1st to 2d Street and James Fairlie, Peter Stagg & Abraham Le Foy were appointed Assessors.

For paving the Side walks of Downing street and John Lozier Jacob S Baker and Abraham Baudoine were appointed Assessors.

[362] Alderman Palmer moved that when this Board adjourn, they Adjourn to meet this day Four weeks at 5 OClock P M. The Question being taken thereon and a Division called by Alderman Stevens the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Seaman B M Brown Wells Meserole Palmer Woodruff Mr Roosevelt Seymour Bryson Scott Rogers Lovett 14

In the Negative. Ald Stevens I Brown Lamb Strong Lee Mandeville Arcularius Jeremiah Dibblee Engs 10

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

Alderman Stevens agreeably to Notice given, moved that the Board now reconsider the Vote given at the last Meeting upon the Report of the Committee on Public Offices and Repairs. The Question being taken, will the Board [363] reconsider, it passed in the Negative.

The Joint Committee on Public Offices and Jail and Bridewell presented a Report on subject of Mr Engs Resolution to accommodate the Prisoners from the Jail in another Building which was read and after some discussion, and before any Question was taken thereon a Motion was made to adjourn and was carried.

The Comptroller presented the following Cash account.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance as per Act 12th Inst | $179.82 |
| Recd for Streets | 9159.69 |
| " " Tax of 1829 | 4800. |
| " " Lottery Licences | 5000. |
| " " Rents | 1356.99 |
| " " Tavren Licences | 640. |
| " " Commutation Alien Passengers | 572.50 |
| " " Justices Courts | 468.89 |
| " " Cartmen & Porters Licences | 283.25 |
| " " Fines of Attorney | 149.05 |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 66.25 |
| " " Wells & Pumps | 38. |
| " " Fines of Sheriff for 6 Months | 23.24 |
| Loan of Mechanics Bank authorized 25th Jany | 8500. |
| | $31.237.68 |

[364] 56 Accounts audited and directed to be paid

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|---|---|
| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st Dist | 1386. |
| Asten & Field " 2d " | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring " 3d " | 945. |
| J Sidell First Marshall 1 Qr Salary 1 July | 225. |
| D D Williamson Messenger 1 Qr 26 July | 125. |
| Robt Emmet to pay Amt recovered in Suit by Stephen Miller ordered 12 July | 1307.50 |
| Ald Meserole Chairan Balance of appropriation 5 July | 1000. |
| J Morton Clerk C C for Hack Accounts | 106.25 |
| J L Cregier Clerk issuing Tavren Licences 1 day | 2. |
| F Seely, J G Finn & R Phillips attends at Cath Market 1 Qr 1 Apr 1830 | 62. |
| Abm Leggett Superdt Mud Scow 2 weeks to 25 July | 128.11 |
| Geo: W Skellorn bal for retaking Prisoners escaped fm Bridewell | 109.13 |
| D D Williamson & J Ahern preparing Jury list Grand Jurors 1830-31 | 50. |
| Jas Shaw Sheriff for Officers conveys Prisoners to Penitentiary & House of Refuge 6 Mo's 1 July | 41. |
| J. B Schmelzel for Inspectors & Clerks Election 5th Ward 13 & 14 July | 30. |
| J Sidell first Marshal to pay Peace Officers Do Do | 40. |
| Wm H Falls Atty for N Reynolds Awd opens 15 St fm Bowery to H River | 1000. |
| Albert Wyckoff bal Do Do | 574. |
| Alexr Knox Do Do | 521. |
| George C Talmadge bal Do Do | 221. |
| Theodore B Talmadge bal. Do Do | 201. |
| James Walton Do Do | 200. |
| John Hone bal Do Do | 197. |
| John Williams Do Do | 177. |
| J. F Delaplaine & A W Clason bal Awd opens 18th St from Bloomingdale Road to Fitz Roy Road | 1442.40 |
| [365] J Devlin pavs Barrow St fm 6th Avenue to Gilberts Line | 577.27 |
| O McCabe bal repavs Jane Street fm G Lane to Asylum St | 248.14 |
| O McCabe bal repavs 1st Avenue between North & 6th St | 228.67 |
| J Lyon bal pavs Greenwich St fm Bank St to Kill Road | 157.66 |
| Mary Spingler bal Awd opening 15th St fm Bowery to Hudson River | 2758. |
| T Cumming Actt reg & pavs West St fm late State Prison to Hammd St | 280. |
| Wm Gee posting bills for Street Comrs | 28.20 |
| J Targee & Associates Comrs fees & Expences opening 4th Avenue from Bloomingdale Road to 28th St Abandoned | 1023. |
| E Doughty Surveys &c Do Do Do | 194. |
| H & P Smith pavs flagging &c at Cath Market | 422.65 |
| F Hall & Co advertising Assessments 9th Ward | 29. |

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| R Tillotson return Costs on 3 Lots Madison St sold 22d March redeemd | 21. | |
| D Harron for Well 6th St near 3d Avenue removed | 85. | |
| D Harron Do Art street near Broadway removed | 73. | |
| J Gallagher Junr bal Well Mulberry B[etween] Spring & Prince St | 27.50 | |
| J McBarron bal for Well 20th St near 8th Avenue | 17.50 | |
| R Graves St Comr Actt McAdamising 3d Avenue | 500. | |
| Saml F Mott Treasr Public School Society for Lottery Licences | 6000. | |
| Owen Smith filling Lot Mangin near Grand St Lien. W Vail | 84.63 | |
| Thos Howe for buildg over Steam Engine Public Reservoir bal | 607.24 | |
| Jacob P Roome Super Repairs for Repairs | 2059. | |
| J. P. Roome " Fire Dept | 1900. | |
| J. P. Roome " Markets | 675. | |
| J. P. Roome " Pumps | 520. | |
| J. P. Roome " Docks | 200. | |
| C Mapes Treasr Institution Deaf & Dumb 1 Qr 13 July | 412.50 | |
| [366] A Burtis Super Alms House & Clerk 1 Qr 1 July | 525. | |
| J Wood Physician Bellevue " " | 375. | |
| W F Stevenson 10 days sunday Service 16th Ward to 7th June | 15. | |
| Valleau & Flender Supets cleaning Sewers to 22d July | 182.75 | |
| J. F Sibell 2500 Segars | 45. | 31.226.10 |
| Balance | | $11.58 |

The Board adjourned to this day Four weeks at 5 OClock P. M.

The following Report on subject of Fire proof Buildings for Records &c made on the 9th March 1829 and laid on the Table afterwards called up & Referred to the Committees on Public Offices and Repairs and which should have been inserted at page 283 is now Inserted here as follows.

The Joint Committee, to whom was referred the Memorial of the Register of the City of New York stating the necessity of securing the Records in said Office, from danger by Fire, and in consequence of the accumulation of Books; to make further arrangements as respects more room, and likewise the consideration of a Resolution offered by Alderman Peters Septemr 24th 1827 and referred to said Committee, which resolution proposes, the erection of a Fire proof [367] building with apartments to receive the Records of the different departments including the Records of the Courts beg leave to Report that they have carefully investigated the subject, and find that the records of the Courts, which are the evidences of the titles of property to the amount of many Millions of Dollars; The great importance of your

Registers Office, as respects real estate, likewise your Comptrollers Office and your Street Commissioners Office, which has already been on fire, and was very near being destroyed, And further, that in consequence of the necessity of having fire and light at all times of night, in all parts of the building; and the necessity of allowing free access to every part of it, to all classes of Citizens, and the Records Books Maps &c being of a combustible nature, do consequently greatly endanger this valuable building.

The Committee are therefore of opinion that a suitable fire proof building should be provided as soon as possible; And your Committee beg leave farther to state, that they have carefully examined the Debtors Gaol, which is soon to be vacated, and find that it will answer every purpose, for the fire proof building proposed. Its walls are of the best quality, and built in the most substantial manner, the interior is divided in a suitable manner with Stone Partition walls to every Room 22 inches thick, and consequently will only require [368] the wooden floors taken out, and brick Arches put in their places, the Doors and windows made of Iron, and the outside finished in a handsome manner, so as to represent marble a flat Copper or Stone roof, with a neat balustrade all round thus giving you at a comparitively small expence a handsome building of 60 by 75 feet containing 14 fire proof rooms, ten of which are 18 by 19 and four are 19 by 26 feet, the said rooms being sufficiently spacious for all the purposes required— And farther, the advantages of making use of the said walls, are as follows; The age of the Walls has made them permanent to receive the pressure of the arches, which if you were to build a new one would require the outside walls to be double the thickness to be of equal strength—The present walls are perfectly dry, and can be made ready to receive your Records &c in nine months, Whereas a new building could not be used for several years without destroying your papers in consequence of the dampness of your Walls. The probable cost, according to a rough estimate made by your Committee, for the alteration of said building as above proposed (the minute description of which is not inserted here) will be from 15 to 20,000 Dollars and your Committee are of opinion that the cost of erecting a new building of the same description would be from 35 to 40,000 Dollars making a saving [*] by using the walls of the present Jail of one half the expence, independent of the advantages of having the use of the building for the purposes for which it is required much sooner than

* New page, not numbered.—ED.

if you were to build a new one—In consideration of the above your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that Committee be directed to procure a plan representing the proposed alteration of the present Jail, and in the usual manner obtain estimates of the Cost of said alteration and submit the same to this Board at the next Meeting

Thomas T Woodruff
James N Wells
David Rogers
Thomas Jeremiah
William Mandeville
Jeremiah Dodge
David Bryson

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OF

# MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

AUGUST 23, 1830 TO NOVEMBER 29, 1830

[1] In Common Council August 23. 1830

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|
| Peter J Nevius | James I Roosevelt |
| William W Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| George D Strong | Henry Arcularius |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M Brown | Joseph W Beadel |
| James N Wells | John Rogers |
| Bernard J Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| David Marsh | Fyler Dibblee |
| Gideon Lee | John Lovett |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Approved.

His Honor the Mayor stated that the following Cash account of the Comptroller had been examined by the Finance Committee during the recess of the Board, that Warrants had issued [2] in the usual way for the same. Whereupon the same was approved.

Comptrollers Account August 9. 1830.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance as per Act$^{t}$ 26 July | 11.58 |
| Rec$^{d}$ for Streets | 9268.17 |
| " " Tax of 1829 | 3000. |
| " " Commutation Alien Passengers | 1435.50 |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 44. |
| | $13.759.25 |

52 Accounts Audited

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch | 1$^{st}$ Dis$^{t}$ | | | 1386. |
| Astin & Field | " 2$^{d}$ " | | | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring | " 3$^{d}$ " | | | 945. |
| J Morton Clerk C C | 1 Qu$^{r}$ Salary | 1$^{st}$ | August.. | 500. |
| A B Martling Keeper City Hall | 1 Q$^{r}$ | " | .. | 250. |
| H Storms Inspector of Hacks | 1 Q$^{r}$ | 2$^{d}$ " | .. | 200. |
| J Ahern Clerk Mayors Office | 1 Q$^{r}$ | 1$^{st}$ " | .. | 125. |
| O Ayres & J Coffin Ass$^{t}$ City Inspect$^{r}$ | 1 Mo | " | .. | 121.50 |
| Asten & Higbee Ass$^{st}$ Keepers City Hall | " | " | .. | 77.50 |
| C Myers Keeper Pottersfield | " | " | .. | 69.75 |

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| D. J. Burger | regulating Public Clocks | | | | 1 Qr | 1st August | .. | 50. | |
| T Asten | Street Inspector | 1st | Ward | | 1 Mo | " | .. | 46.50 | |
| T Woolcocks | " | 2d | " | | " | " | .. | 46.50 | |
| J B Ebbetts | " | 3d | " | | " | " | .. | 46.50 | |
| N B Lyon | " | 4th | " | | " | " | .. | 46.50 | |
| I A Isaacs | " | 5th | " | | " | " | .. | 46.50 | |
| A Morris | " | 6th | " | | " | " | .. | 46.50 | |
| [3] F Gantz | do | 7 | " | | " | " | .. | 46.50 | |
| H. B. Roome | do | 9th | " | | " | " | .. | 46.50 | |
| T Austin | Do | 10th | " | | " | " | .. | 46.50 | |
| E Kingsland | Do | 12th | " | | " | " | .. | 46.50 | |
| D Hubbard | Do | 13th | " | | " | " | .. | 46.50 | |
| P Field | Do | 14th | " | | " | " | .. | 46.50 | |
| S Miller | Public Administrator | | | | 1 Qur | " | .. | 312.50 | |
| Abm Leggett | Super Mud Scow | 2 weeks to 8 August | | | | | ..... | 130.16 | |
| J Pinckney & A Parker. | Asst Board of Health | 1 Mo 1 August | | | | | ..... | 108. | |
| G Duryea | Clerk | Fulton Market | | | 1 Mo | 1 August | .. | 87.86 | |
| L Baum | " | Washington Market | | | " | " | .. | 80.67 | |
| J Gilbert | " | Clinton & Greenwich | | | " | " | .. | 59. | |
| J Bremner | " | Catharine | | | " | " | .. | 62. | |
| S Fleet | " | Centre | | | " | " | .. | 49. | |
| R Smith | " | Franklin | | | " | " | .. | 38.75 | |
| Jas Seaman | " | Manhattan | | | " | " | .. | 31. | |
| John M Devoy | " | 3 Markets | | | " | " | .. | 58.50 | |
| Wm Rockwell | Physician City Prison | | | | 1 Qr | " | .. | 75. | |
| J Hays for Officers | conveys Prisoners to Penitentiary & House of Refuge fm Special Sessions | | | | 7 Mo | 1 August | ... | 102.50 | |
| Jas Shaw | Sheriff for Officers attends Courts | | | | 1 Qr | 1 August | | 1966.50 | |
| S Jones | Chief Justice Superior Court | | | | 1 Qr | 1 August | ..... | 625. | |
| J. O Hoffman— | Justice | do | | | " | " | ..... | 625. | |
| T. J Oakley | " | " | | | " | " | ..... | 625. | |
| John P Roome | Crier of Court | | | | " | 3d " | ..... | 50. | |
| D. T Valentine | Marshal Marine Court | | | | 1 Mo | 1 August | ..... | 33.75 | |
| [4] J Hammond | Justice | 1. 2. 3 | Wards | | 1 Qr | 1 August | ..... | 400. | |
| E Morrell | " | 4. 6 | " | | " | " | ..... | 400. | |
| H Meigs | " | 5. 8. 14 | " | | " | " | ..... | 400. | |
| E. T. Pinckney | " | 9. 11 | " | | " | " | ..... | 400. | |
| D M Cowdrey | Clerk | 1. 2. 3 | " | | " | " | ..... | 187.50 | |
| Geo Betts | " | 4. 6 | " | | " | " | ..... | 187.50 | |
| Peter See | " | 5. 8. 14 | " | 19 May to 1st August | | | | 152.09 | |
| R L Jaques | " | 9. 11 | " | 1 Qr | | " | | 187.50 | |
| H Scovell | Justice | 7. 10. 13 | " | " | | " | | 400. | |
| Jas Lozier | Clerk | " " | " | " | | " | | 187.50 | 13.299.03 |

Balance $460.22

Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was Adopted.

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to borrow under the direction of the Finance Committee whenever it may be deemed necessary, any sum not exceeding, Eighty thousand Dollars at an Interest not exceeding Six per Cent per Annum.

Upon Motion of Mr Mandeville it was Resolved that it be referred to a Special Committee to take into consideration, and to Report to this Board some mode for directing the employment of Marshals & Constables attending the Courts of Justice and as to their compensation. The Mayor [5] appointed on that Committee Mr Roosevelt Mandeville Dibblee Ald B M Brown Woodruff.

Upon like Motion it was referred to the same Committee to Report to this Board on the subject of the service of Subpenas on Witnesses by the Peace Officers and to Report some arrangement therefor.

Alderman Wells presented the following Resolution which was read and Adopted.

Resolved that the Commissioners of the Alms House be authorised to have Pottersfield enclosed with a suitable Board fence the Cost not to exceed Five hundred Dollars.

The Report of the Joint Committees on Public Offices and Jail & Bridewell which was under consideration at the last Meeting of the Board when an Adjournment took place was now called up and read in the words following.

The Joint Committees on Public Offices an[d] Gaol and Bridewell to whom was referred the Resolution to authorize the Committee of Repairs to fit up part of the Old Alms House for the [6] accommodation of the prisoners in the Gaol

Respectfully Report.

That by an Act passed by the Legislature on the 10th of April 1824 the Common Council were authorized to erect a new Gaol and Bridewell or to appropriate for that purpose any buildings already erected. Altho more than six years have elapsed since this power was obtained, yet, owing to the great diversity of opinion to which its exercise has given use, nothing effectual has been done. At the last meeting however of the Common Council, a report was adopted directing the fitting up of the present Gaol for the reception of the Public Records, and, as a necessary consequence requiring other accommodations to be provided for the confinement of the Debtors. In this view, it is presumed, the Resolution in question was presented.

Owing to the heavy responsibilities imposed upon the Sheriff in cases of escape from confinement on civill process the building devoted to that object is required to be perfectly secure. To remove the apprehensions of that Officer, it is found that much greater expence must be laid upon the Old Alms House than would be consistent with the temporary nature of the arrangement. Your Committee have therefore endeavoured to devise some other plan less liable to objection; and they have come to [7] the conclusion that under all the circumstances, it would be most advisable as a temporary arrangement, that the Bridewell should be turned into a Debtors Prison, and that the Criminals should be removed to the establishment at Bellevue. By adopting this course no expence will be incurred, and the future changes now in contemplation, may hereafter be made without loss.

A large Portion of the Penitentiary, owing to the removal of the prisoners to Blackwells Island, is now vacant, and the building (in every thing except its name) is in fact a Bridewell ready built. Its distance will no doubt be attended with some inconvenience, an evil however which as the City increases will be daily decreasing and which even now may be greatly mitigated by holding there the Courts of Special Sessions, and also a branch of the Police Office. And with respect to the present Bridewell its occupation as a Gaol would probably be of short duration, inasmuch as the barbarous practice of imprisonment for debt, jud[g]ing from the strong indications of public sentiment will no doubt eer long be abolished. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions.

Resolved that the building in this City at present known as the Bridewell be and the [8] same is hereby designated as the Gaol of this City for the confinement of persons on civil process.

Resolved that the Building at Bellevue, in this City known as the Penitentiary be and the same is hereby designated as the City Prison or Bridewell of this City.

Resolved that the Keeper of the City Prison forth with cause the prisoners under his charge to be removed to the said Prison at Bellevue and that the Debtors in actual confinement be thereupon removed to the Goal or debtors Prison so newly designated as aforesaid

James I Roosevelt Jr
James N Wells
Thos Jeremiah
David Bryson
John Rogers

After considerable discussion, the question was taken on adopting the Resolutions, and a Division having been called by Alderman Stevens the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Al$^{d}$ Nevius Seaman B M Brown Wells Lee [9] Woodruff M$^{r}$ Roosevelt Bryson Scott Beadel Rogers Jeremiah Lovett 13

In the Negative M$^{r}$ Recorder Mott Stevens I Brown Strong Al$^{d}$ Meserole Marsh M$^{r}$ Seymour Mandeville Dibblee 10

So it was carried in the Affirmative. Alderman Stevens gave notice of Reconsideration at the next Meeting.

The following Resolution was read and laid on the Table.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Repairs to cause the small buildings and Nuisances to be removed from the Old Bridewell, and that the said Main building be handsomely fitted up.

M$^{r}$ Mandeville presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

Resolved that the Fire Committee be requested to hold a conference with M$^{r}$ Elisha Hall on the subject of Rotary Engines, and if they approve [10] of them, Resolved, that the Committee be empowered to contract for one Engine as an experiment to prove their utility in extinguishing Fires.

The Special Committee appointed to investigate the Official conduct of the Inspector of the 11$^{th}$ Ward (Ab$^{m}$ Hatfield) presented a Report which was read and laid on the Table. A motion was made to print the same, But it was Negatived

His Honor the Mayor announced to the Board that he had received intelligence of the death of Colonel Marinus Willett a distinguished Officer of the Revolutionary War, a highly respected Citizen and who once filled the Office of Mayor of this City he departed this life last evening in the 90$^{th}$ year of his age.

The Recorder then presented the following Resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the Common Council entertain for the Memory of Colonel Marinus Willett the most profound respect. That they remember with grateful recollection the eminent public services of the deceased. His patriotism and devotion to his Country. His atcheivements in the War of the Revolution. His volour in battle, His heroic firmness in the most dangerous of Military [11] enterprizes, and his early constant and unshaken support in the great cause of American Independence.

Nor is the Common Council unmindful of the strong claims, which the deceased has upon the respectful feelings of his fellow Citizens, for the able upright and enlightened manner in which he discharged his Civil duties in the various important public stations which he filled.

Resolved, that as a tribute of respect to the virtues of Colonel Marinus Willett, the Corporation of the City of New York will assemble at the Common Council Chamber in the City Hall at 4 OClock to morrow afternoon, and will from thence proceed to attend the funeral of the deceased.

Resolved that a Copy of the preceeding Resolutions, with the Condolence of the Common Council be transmitted by His Honor the Mayor under the Corporate Seal to the family of Colonel Willett.

Alderman Stevens moved that the Members attend with their Staves of Office which was agreed to.

The Mayor laid before the Board sundry papers in relation to the application of Charles Hoyt & others to the Supreme Court for an Injunction to the Corporation to shew cause [12] why a Ferry should not be established from the City of New York, South of Fulton Slip Ferry to Brooklyn on Long Island, together with an Order of the Court thereon. Which were referred to the Counsel to take the proper and legal steps thereon.

The Mayor appointed Alderman Lamb of the 5th Ward on the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips And on the Committee on Public Offices in the place of Alderman Rogers.

The Mayor laid before the Board the following Resolution which had been proposed by the Board of Health, the same having been read was Adopted.

Resolved that the Board of Health consist of the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen and that any seven Members shall form such Board and be competent to transact business.

The Keeper of the City Prison presented the Monthly Return of prisoners confined therein, which was read and referred to the Police Committee.

The Deputy Keeper of the Penitentiary presented a Return of the Escape of George [13] Jackson and John LeRock the former while working on the 3d Avenue, the latter from the Island the same having been read was referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Aaron Smith, Cornelius L Sidell, Cornelius Roosa, James S Carpenter and Alva Neal for the Office of Deputy Clerk in the Police Office were read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of James C Roosevelt & C C Eddy to have Batavia street repaved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Horace Bates and Ralph Duncan for the Office of City Guager were read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Andrew McCready for balance due him of an Account as Keeper of the Park was read and referred to the Committee on Lands & Places.

A Petition of George Abbee and others proprietors of the Union Line Steam Boats for [14] Philadelphia praying that an Ordinance may be passed regulating the stand and number of Cartmen in the vicinity of Pier No 1 North River was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Owners and Occupants of property in the vicinity of Lewis street praying to have said Street regulated between 3d & 4th Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William B Crosby & others praying that Lombardy street may be widened to the contemplated line was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of James Reeves for permission to transfer Stall No 19 Clinton Market to William James Pell was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Abel Harker to be relieved from the payment of a Fine for building a Cistern contrary to Law was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of the Members of Fire Engine Co No 37 to have their location changed to [15] the vicinity of Essex Market was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of the Members of Fire Engine Co No 6 and also of a number of Inhabitants praying that the said Engine be Located at the Junction of Hudson and Chamber street was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Edmund Morewood to have the low grounds between 17th & 18th Streets 5th Avenue and Bloomingdale Road filled in was read and referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition of Samuel Dunbar and others owners of Property in Houston & Mulberry streets praying that Houston St between Broadway and the Bowery and Mulberry street between Houston & Bleecker streets may be paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of James McAllis & others also of Frederick Backus & others to have Asylum street opened and paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of David Cargill for a Well & Pump in Crosby street between Bleecker & Houston streets was read and referred to the Alderman & [16] Assistants of the 9th & 14th Wards and the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Albert Wyckoff & others to have a Well & Pump placed in 14th Street near 6th Avenue was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 9th & 12th Wards and the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Henry Reimer & others to have a Well & Pump placed near the intersection of Allen and Walker streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner.

An Invitation was received from the Trustees of the Apprentices Library to attend the Annual opening of the same on Wednesday evening 1st September at 7 OClock was read and Accepted.

A Petition of William S Champion to Lease from the Corporation a small piece of ground at the North East corner of the piece of Land at Manhattan Market foot of Stanton street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[17] A Petition of Isaac Asten Sweeper of Fulton Market praying that his Salary may be increased was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of J Snyder and others for a Well & Pump corner of 18th Street and 10th Avenue was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 12th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of William Peck to be re-instated in the situation of Lamp lighter was read and referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition of the Members of Engine N° 40 & N° 3 to have Alarm Bells placed in the vicinity of their Engine Houses to be rung during Fires was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of M Coddington to have the Engine House at the foot of Duane street removed and the Square enclosed with a pale fence was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

[18] The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen the Resignations were Accepted and Appointments made Vizt

Fire Engine Co

N° 1

George Luke—Grocer 380 Greenwich St

Vc Jacob Merseiles. Resigned

N° 5.

Obadiah W Valentine Accountant 23 Ann S[t]
V[c] John W Hyatt Time Expired

N° 6.

Jacob Merceiles—Carpenter 25 Provoost S[t] To fill Company

N° 15.

Henry B Roberts 6 Stanton S[t] To fill Company

N° 23

Francis M[c]Keon—Printer 510 Broome S[t]
V[c] Gilliam Rutan Resigned
John G Martin—Blacksmith 17 Eldrige S[t]
V[c] Eccles Gillender—Resigned

[19] N° 26

George W Coutant—Cabinet Maker 153 Madison S[t]
V[c] William C Brooks App[d] Warden
Lewis Lane—Mason Madison S[t] To fill Company

N° 27

James Young—Mason Watts Street
V[c] John Gatten—Time Expired
George Luke Resigned

N° 28

Robert Inkster—Cordwainer Co[r] Chrystie & Division
V[c] James K Roe Time Expired

N° 29

Lewis Reed—Shoe Maker 122 Bedford S[t]
V[c] Jacob A Powles—Resigned

N° 31

Jesse Brush—Coach Painter Leonard S[t]
V[c] John Crawford. Time Expired

N° 32

John D Welch—Sash Maker 52 Allen S[t]
V[c] Cornelius L Purdy—Resigned

N° 41

Jacob W Banta—Ship Carpenter 395 Grand S[t]
V[c] Henry H Scofield Resigned

N° 48

Robert McBlain—Grocer Cor 8th Avenue & 21st St To fill Company.

[20] Fire Hook & Ladder Co

N° 1

William W Young Silver smith 67 Broad St To fill Company

N° 2

Edward C Mead—Carpenter Cor Ann St Vc To fill Company

N° 3

Henry Ferdon—Mason 56 Vandam St Vc John Degraw—Resigned

N° 6

Thomas M Beare—Clerk 522 Broadway

Vc John Tompkins
Levi Strangman
Jacob L C Roome
John Yeatman
} Resigned

Fire Warden Co 10th Ward

John Cox—Cartman 70 Forsyth St

Vc Schuyler Valentine—Time Expired.

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for the Correction of sundry Nuisances—Which were read and passed.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Vizt

[21]

| N° | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1. | John Hillyer | Executor | W side 1st Avenue | A Lot |
| | 2. | Joseph Graham | Owner | Do | Do |
| | 3. | Nathel Reynolds | " | between 16th & 18h Streets | Do |
| | 4. | Christian Zabriskie | " | E side Wehawken St | Do |
| | 5. | Rodman Bowne | " | " Wooster St | Do |
| | 6. | Joseph L Moore | " | 215 20th St | Cellars |
| | 7. | William Osborn | " | W side of Orange St | Lot |
| | 8. | Wm Moneypenny | " | Do | Do |
| | 9. | John G Graff | " | S W cor Harman & Montgomery St | Do |
| | 10. | George Vaughn | " | 399 Cherry St | Do |
| | 11. | Samel Gage | " | Lewis Cor 4th St | Do |
| | 12. | Peter Badau | " | 203 Chrystie St | Do |
| | 13. | J. J. Astor or J Beekman | " | Ann St cor Theatre Alley | Do |
| | 14. | George Lovett | Executor or Agent | Laurens St | Do |
| | 15. | Wm McElwain | Lessee | Do | Do |
| | 16. | James Dowd | owner | 243 Mott St | Do |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 17. John Morse | owner | N E cor 5th Avenue & 16th St | A Lot |
| 18. Do | " | 5th Avenue between 10th & 11th Sts | Do |
| 19. Isaac Halsey | " | 113 Willett St | Cow Stable |
| 20. Jesse Howe | Executor | N E cor Grand & Pitt Sts | Stable & Yard |

Isaac Warren
City Inspector

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for filling in Sunken Lots at the public expence, they having a Lein thereon for the payment of said Expence

[22] To fill in sunken Lots. South side of Christopher street between Gay and Factory streets

To fill in a Sunken Lot South East corner of Christopher and Gay streets.

To fill in a sunken Lot at the North Easterly corner of Factory and Sixth streets.

To fill in and fence Sunken Lots fronting on the East side of Mulberry street between Prince & Houston streets.

Which several Ordinances were passed.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in Bayard corner of Chrystie street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have a Well & Pump placed near the Intersection of Bayard and Chrystie street, Respectfully Report

That in their opinion a Well & Pump is much required at that place, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

[23] Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a Pump placed therein in Chrystie street near Bayard street.

B J Meserole
Thos Jeremiah
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Law Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Manhattan Gas light Company presented a Report which was laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Counsel presented a Report stating that the Supreme Court had at its late sitting confirmed the proceedings of the Commissioners

on extending Asylum street, and opening the Tenth Avenue, which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Counsel presented the following Report relative to the Lease from the Corporation to John & Thomas Morrell for two Lots at Williamsburgh.

The Counsel begs leave to lay before the Board a Lease from the Corporation to John and Thomas Morrell, for two Lots of ground at Williamsburgh, prepared in pursuance of a [24] Resolution adopted June 29th 1829 on a Report from the Finance Committee, and he respectfully submits the following Resolution for the consideration of the Board.

"Resolved that the Lease to John & Thomas Morrell above mentioned be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board, and that the same be delivered to them on their surrendering to be cancelled, the old Lease held by them for Lots at Williamsburgh, and on paying the expence of such new Lease"

R Emmet

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report and Draft of an Ordinance for filling streets and Lots at Greenwich Village.

The Street Commissioner herewith covers the draft of an Ordinance for filling up making and completeing Washington street Bank street, Bethune street and Troy street between Hammond and Jane streets as they are severally reserved in the Grants of Water Lots and agreeably to the conditions expressed in the said Grants, and also for filling up the several Lots lying on and adjoining the said Streets.

All which the Street Commissioner [25] respectfully recommends may be passed in order that the making of the respective Streets and the filling of the Water Lots may be carried into effect

Respectfully submitted

R Graves

St Commr

Which was read and Approved and the Ordinance was passed.

A Communication was received from the Street Commissioner respecting the building of a Pier at the foot of King street, which was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well & Pump in Chrystie street which was passed and John Harris, Jedediah B Leister & John Slidell were appointed Assessors

Alderman Lee stated a request from Ava Neal that he might be considered as an applicant for the Office of Deputy Clerk of Police Office which was referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Return of Delinquents on sundry Assessments Whereupon Warrants were directed to issue to the [26] Collectors thereof.

For widening Ann street from Nassau street to Broadway

For building a Well and erecting a Pump in Mulberry street between Prince & Spring streets Warrants to issue to Thomas Cottrell the Collector.

For two public Cisterns front of Dutch Church in King street.

For a Well & Pump 8th Avenue near 19th Street

For a Well & Pump 17th Street near 8th Avenue Warrants to issue to John Hanmer the Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto.

For a Well & Pump in North street near Willett street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For a Well & Pump in Hubert street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For regulating 7th Street from the First Avenue to Avenue A and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

[27] For regulating and paving Wehawken street from Christopher to Amos street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For a Well & Pump in William street near Cedar street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For repaving Suffolk street between Division and Grand streets— And Hester street between Suffolk and North streets, and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of William Van Buskirk for remuneration for loss of his Horse backing off from Pier at Peck Slip presented the following Report against the same.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on a Petition from William Van Buskirk for remuneration for loss of his Horse by backing off from the Easterly side of Middle Pier, Peck Slip

Respectfully Report.

That your Committee have ascertained, that the backing pieces at Peck slip was level with the dirt on the Pier, and have reason to believe that the Horse would not have gone off had the backing piece been a

proper heighth, it appears that at the time of the [28] accident the Petitioner (being lame) was not driving himself, but his son a lad of about 17 years of age was driving for him, and was not legally authorised to do so, Your Committee take the liberty of stating that the Petitioner as they are informed is a person of very good character, has heretofore been very unfortunate, and losing his Horse (worth $70) at this time has left him destitute even of a Dollar, and a large family dependant upon him for support; If he had been driving his horse at the time, or if his son had been deputised agreeably to the Law on that subject, the Committee would have had no hesitation in Reporting in his favor, but as his son was driving in violation of the Law, the Committee are compelled to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to Grant the Prayer of the Petitioner.

John Lovett
Peter J Nevius
Isaac Brown
Joseph W Beadel

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William B Crosby for permission to re-pave Cherry street between Rutgers and Clinton streets presented the following Report [29] in favor of the same.

The Street Committe to whom was referred the Petition of William B Crosby for permission to re-pave Cherry street between Rutgers street and Clinton street at his own expence respectfully Report

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioner ought to be granted, and therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that Cherry street be repaved from Rutgers street to Clinton street

Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Eldridge street repaved from Division to Hester street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Eldridge street re-paved from Division street to Hester street Respectfully

Report

that in their opinion, that Street requires to be repaved, and accordingly submit the following [30] Resolution.

Resolved that Eldridge street be repaved, from Division to Hester streets and the side walks thereof re-laid

Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
John Rogers
George D Strong

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Delancy street regulated and paved between Goerck Street and Bulk head at Tompkins street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have Delancy street regulated and paved between Goerck street and the Bulk head at Tompkins street Respectfully Report

That in their opinion, the paving of that part of Delancy street is much required and ought to be carried into effect, and therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Delancy street be regulated and paved between Goerck street and the Bulkhead at Tompkins street.

[31] Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following Cash account.

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| Balance as per Account 9th Inst | 460.22 |
| Recd for Tax of 1829 | 16.980.41 |
| " " Streets | 9.689.43 |
| " " Rents | 8,447.44 |
| " " Commutation Alien Passengers | 1.811. |
| " " Street Manure for July | 1.358.70 |
| " " Justices Courts | 1.038.37 |
| " " Tavren Licences | 1.010. |
| " " Arrears of Tax | 479.82 |
| " " Wells & Pumps | 422.91 |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 40. |

Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 25th Janʸ 1830 balance..... 9.500.
" Do Do 23d August on Actᵗ..... 46.000.
$97.236.30

94 Accounts Audited and directed to be paid.

[32] Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st Distᵗ..... 1386.
Astin & Field Do 2d " ..... 994.
Stagg & Herring Do 3d " ..... 945.
G. N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Quʳ Salary 15 August..... 450.
J. P. Roome Super Repairs 1 Qʳ " 14th " ..... 300.
T. J Waters Clerk Comptrollers Office " 24th " ..... 250.
Jacob Lozier Clᵏ Stᵗ Comʳˢ Office " 11th " ..... 125.
Wᵐ G Babb Stᵗ Inspector 8 Ward 1 Mo 1st " ..... 46.50
R Emmet drawing Bonds Deeds Leases Certificates &c 1 Aplᵗ to 23d August..... 651.46
A. B. Martling Expences at City Hall 1 Qʳ 1 August..... 216.20
J Morton Clerk C. C. for Hack Actᵉ &c..... 20.34
J Coffin Asstᵗ City Inspector removg Nuisances 1 Mo 1 Augᵉᵗ ..... 56.25
H Sickles & J Secor Sunday service 8th Ward 19 days each to 23d August 57.
B Robinson & W P Slason " 11th Ward 18 " 2d August 54.
J W Somerindyke & T Farrington " 6th Ward 18 " 6 August 54.
J G Finn & F Seely " 4 Ward 17 " 26 July... 51.
C Huntington " 1 Ward 17 days to 26 July..... 25.50
Isaac Warren City Inspector 1 Quʳ Salary 9 August..... 200.
Abᵐ Leggett Super Mud Scow 2 weeks to 22d August..... 129.85
Jaˢ Hopson Special Justice 1 Qʳ Salary 12 August 400.
J W Wyman Do " " 400.
O M Lownds Do from 29 June to " 195.55
R Stephens Clerk Police 1 Quʳ " 312.50
R Hatfield Clerk of Sessions 1 Quʳ " 500.
R Hatfield Do paid Witnesses 1 Qʳ " 30.
Geo: B Raymond for Officers serving Subponas 1 Qʳ 1 August ..... 270.37
[33] Richard Varick Rent for Court 1. 2. 3 Wards 1 Qʳ 1 August 60.
Wᵐ Young " 4. 6 do " " 32.50
Wᵐ M Whitaker " 7. 10. 13 Do " " 25.
J Aim " 9. 11. Do " " 25.
John M Bloodgood Superdᵗ Streets Expences 1 Mo " 2294.15
J M Bloodgood Do 1 Qʳ Salary " 375.
Charles Dobbs Asstᵗ Do 1 Qʳ " " 250.
Ann Fleury rent for Engine House Nº 13 in Dover Stᵗ 1 Year 1 July 1830..... 100.

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| Peter Van Pelt printing 1 Qr 1 August | 558. |
| C. J Roosevelt making Books Tavren Licences for Alderman &c | 100. |
| Morning Herald subscription 6 Mo 1 August | 50. |
| Cornr L Sidell Clerk issuing Tavren Licences 2 days | 4. |
| Samuel Judd 24 Casks Oil | 1561.20 |
| George Pryer 20 Casks Oil | 1227.79 |
| R Provoost painting & repairing Lamps 1 Mo 1 August | 68.22 |
| G Snethen Lighting Lamps " " | 1385.35 |
| Layman & Co setting Lamps Posts &c 1 Qr " | 75.98 |
| Christopher Wolfe Awd widening Wm stt fm Maiden Lane to Pine St | 8300. |
| Chistr Wolfe & H Panton & wife Do Do Do | 5691. |
| Tanneke Turk Do Do Do | 4931. |
| S Ver Plank Do Do Do | 3870. |
| Mathias Bruen Do Do Do | 2260. |
| J P Fisher Guardian of Miss Steel Do Do Do | 2072. |
| Estate of Jas Masterton Do Do Do | 1390. |
| Saml B Romaine Do Do Do | 1200. |
| Thos McCready Do Do Do | 1010. |
| [34] P Byrne Lessee of S B Romain Do Do Do | 800. |
| Peter Rose Do Do Do | 300. |
| Thomas Bussing Do Do Do | 100. |
| Devisees of David Aymar Awd widns Ann St fm Bdway to Nassau St | 11.370. |
| Devisees of Ann White bal Do Do Do | 4767. |
| Etna Fire Ins Co Do Do Do | 1597. |
| Geo Lovett Awd opens McDougal St fm 6th to 8th St | 330.09 |
| Wm Lewis Do Do | 330.09 |
| R Emmet Attys Costs &c opens 4 Avenue fm Bloomingdale Road to 28th St Abandoned | 784.54 |
| R Emmet Attys Costs &c opens 6th St fm Bdway to Bowery Abandoned | 82.50 |
| S Fargay Actt pavs 2d St fm Bowery to Avenue A | 450. |
| R Pettigrew Actt reg & pavs Goerck St fm Delancy to Rivington St | 400. |
| H Cochran reg & pavs Canal St fm Washington to West St & also West St fm Canal to Hoboken St front of Corporation property | 1043.88 |
| T Cummings repairs Intersections 9th Ward | 40.89 |
| R Pettigrew Do Do | 36.26 |
| T Cummings filling Intersections 9th Avenue & 16th St | 26.24 |
| John Devlin repairs Intersections 9th Ward | 8.49 |
| H Cochran Do 5th " | 7.50 |
| R Pettigrew Do 13th " | 7.09 |
| Andrew Cotton Do 5th " | 3.75 |
| Mercantile Advertiser Advertising Pier at West & King St 6 weeks | 17.48 |
| Evening Post Do Do | 18.75 |

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| Abm Storms builds Sewer at James Slip..... | 214.94 | |
| Abm Storms 1st payt builds addition to Pier James Slip.... | 783.33 | |
| Abm Storms building addition to Pier Cath Slip..... | 3360. | |
| [35] J McBarron for Well Morton St near Washington St | 22.50 | |
| J Pollock for gravelling 8th Avenue fm 21st St 2 Miles Northerly ..... | 1400. | |
| R Graves St Comr Actt McAdamising 3d Avenue..... | 1000. | |
| R Graves St Comr Actt repairs Roads..... | 500. | |
| R Graves Do for Contingents at Public Reservoir... | 2000. | |
| Tibbits & Smith Iron work for Public Reservoir..... | 960.21 | |
| Samuel Richards Iron pipes for Do ..... | 146.98 | |
| Mark Richards Iron work for Do ..... | 61.66 | |
| New York Gas light Co for use of pattren in casting Tank for Do ..... | 50. | |
| Jacob P Roome Superdt Repairs for Fire Department..... | 1450. | |
| J. P. Roome Do for Lamps ..... | 600. | |
| J. P. Roome Do for Docks & Slips..... | 495. | |
| J. P. Roome Do for Markets ..... | 300. | |
| J. P. Roome Do for Pumps ..... | 200. | |
| J. P. Roome Do for Alms House ..... | 5000. | |
| S Fleming Treasr to pay Intert on City Stock 1 Qr 1 August | 8750. | 96.946.68 |
| Balance | | $291.62 |

The Board then adjourned to this day fortnight a[t] 5 OClock P M.

[36] In Common Council September 6th 1830

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistant |
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| Peter J Nevius | James I Roosevelt Jr |
| William W Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D Strong | William Scott |
| William Seaman | Joseph W Beadel |
| Benjamin M Brown | John Rogers |
| James N Wells | Thomas Jeremiah |
| David Marsh | Fyler Dibblee |
| Gideon Lee | Peter Cooper |
| James Palmer | John Lovett |
| Thomas T Woodruff | Philip W Engs |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

Upon reading the Accounts audited by the Comptroller when the Account of the sum of $5000, [37] for the Superintendent of the Alms House was read. Alderman Strong objected to the passing of

that item in the Comptrollers account and he presented a Resolution— The Mayor decided that according to the course of business Resolutions were not then in order Alderman Strong appealed from the decision of the Chair and was about to state his reasons for his appeal, when the Mayor decided that debate on an appeal from the Chair was out of order. Alderman Stevens appealed from that decision of the Chair—The Mayor declared that appeal out of order—The question was then taken on Alderman Strongs appeal—A Division was called by Alderman Strong—Alderman Mott Alderman Stevens & Mr Dibblee requested to be excused from voting, after some discussion their request was complied with, and the Division being called the Members voted as follows.

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Lamb Seaman B M Brown Wells Marsh Lee Palmer Woodruff Mr Roosevelt Seymour Bryson Scott Beadel Rogers Cooper Lovett 18

Negative Ald I Brown Strong Mr Mandeville Arcularius Engs 5 So the decision of the Mayor was sustained.

[38] A Communication was received from Judge Wright on supplying the City with water. Which was read and referred to the Committees on Water & the Fire Department with authority to print.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Assessment for a Well & Pump in Grove street near Bleecker street together with the objections against the confirmation of the same presented the following Report in favor of the confirmation

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Assessment for a Well & Pump in Grove street near Bleecker street with the objections of William A Thompson against the confirmation of the same respectfully Report.

That the Committee have had two several Meetings, to both of which Mr Thompson was invited, and he not having appeared to state his objections, the Committee see no reason to delay the confirmation of the Assessment—They offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Assessment for a Well & Pump in Grove street near Bleecker street be and the same is hereby confirmed.

George D Strong
Henry Arcularius
[39] Jona Seymour
W Scott
Thos Jeremiah

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of F A C Brichta to be relieved from an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of F. A. C. Brichta to be relieved from an erroneous Tax.

Respectfully Report.

That Mr Brichta appeared before the Committee and testified that he was Assessed for personal property on $1000, for the year 1829 in the 14th Ward whereas at the time the Tax was imposed he was Insolvent.

Mr Brichta further stated that when he was visited by the Assessors, that he stated he was worth nothing and did suppose that no Tax was imposed. And that having seen the Assessors, and being a foreigner unacquainted with the Laws, he was not aware of the fact of the Books being open for Inspection. The Committee believing him entitled to relief, as the Assessors have given a Certificate that the Tax is erroneous, offer the following Resolution.

[40] Resolved that the Tax on the personal *personal* property of F. A. C. Brichta in the 14th Ward on $1000, be and the same is hereby remitted.

George D Strong
Henry Arcularius
Jonas Seymour
W Scott
Thomas Jeremiah

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Cumings for payment of Balances due him on Contracts for paving &c presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Cummings for the payment of the Balances due him on sundry contracts for work executed for the Corporation beg leave to Report

They have examined the accounts in the Street Commissioners Office in relation to the amounts applied for by the Pe[ti]tioner and find due and unpaid to him as follows: For paving Barrow street from Washington to West street a balance of $223,$^{90}/_{100}$.

[41] For paving West street from the late State prison to Hammond street $238.$^{5}/_{100}$

For paving Commerce & Barrow streets from Hudson to Bedford Street $196,17/100.

For paving Hammond street from Washington to West street $213,78/100.

For paving the 6th Avenue from 6th to 13th Street $1672,58/100.

For regulating the 6th Avenue from 13th to 21st Street $441,11/100.

And for regulating 19th and 20th Streets from the 6th to the 8th Avenue $200,58/100.

The whole of the preceding contracts were executed by the Petitioner, during the past year, the assessments, all confirmed, and returns of delinquents according to Law made some time since, and the property, on which the Assessments remain unpaid are now advertised, by order of the Common Council to collect the same—Your Committee are therefore of opinion, that the prayer of the Petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted, and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller draw Warrants in favor of Thomas Cummings the Petitioner in conformity with the above statement.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
[42] G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Wm W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John C Babcock & others to purchase a Gore of Land formerly part of Ann street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John C Babcock and others praying for the purchase of a Gore of land formerly part of Ann street Report.

That the said piece of Land became the property of the Corporation by the late proceedings for widening and improving Ann street between Nassau street and Broadway at the estimated value of Eighty eight dollars, and that the Petitioners are the owners of the adjoining Land and require the said Gore to give them a front upon Ann street. The Committee therefore recommend that the Prayer of the said Petition be granted and the[y] offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel prepare a Deed for the said Gore to John C Babcock and Mary E Morris, on their paying therefor the

said [43] sum of $88, together with the expences of the Deed And that the same be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Wm W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Proprietors of Steam Boats President, Benjamin Franklin, and Chancellor Livingston for right of Slip foot of Courtlandt street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the New York and Boston Steam Boat Company (proprietors of the Steam Boats President and Benjamin Franklin) and of John Voorhees and Robert Schuyler (proprietors of the Steam Boat Chancellor Livingston) praying that the slip at the foot of Courtlandt and Liberty streets between Piers Nos 14 & 15 North River with the appurtenances may be exclusively assigned to the use of the said Steam Boats, and such others as they may wish to accommodate in the said Slip—Report.

That the Petitioners are the Lessees for [44] One year from the 1st of May last of the said Slip with its privileges and appurtenances from the owner thereof who has consented in writing to the prayer of the said Petition, and the present application is that the Corporation may exercise the power vested in them by an Act of the Legislature passed at the last Session, by designating the Wharves and piers of the said Slip for the exclusive use of such Steam Boats as the parties so interested may desire to be accommodated therein, for which purpose an Ordinance must be passed in Common Council.

The Committee see no objection to granting the said application and they have accordingly directed the annexed ordinance to be prepared which they submit with the following Resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the said Petition be granted and that the annexed Ordinance be passed for that purpose

William W Mott
Peter J Nevius
B M Brown

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted and the Ordinance passed under the Title of "A Law to designate and appropriate cer-

tain private Wharves and Piers for the exclusive use of Steam Boats"

[45] The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Shillabar to establish a Ferry at the foot of Warren street to Bulls Ferry presented a Report in favor of the same which was Laid for consideration and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Committee on Applications for Office for the appointment of a City Guager in the place of J Benjamin deceased presented a Report in favor of appointing Horace Bates.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom were referred the Petitions for the Office of City Guager in the place of J Benjamin Deceased.

Respectfully Report

That they have had the various Petitions under consideration and after due deliberation recommend the appointment of M$^{r}$ Horace Bates for said Office.

And accordingly recommend the following Resolution.

Resolved that Horace Bates be and he is hereby appointed a City Guager in the place of J Benjamin Deceased

Respectfully submitted

B. J. Meserole
Peter J Nevius
John Lovett

Which was approved the Resolution adopted and Horace Bates was accordingly declared duly appointed.

[46] The Alderman and Assistant of the 11$^{th}$ Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the subject of placing a Well & Pump on Forsyth street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 11$^{th}$ Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the subject of building a Well in Forsyth street between Rivington and Stanton streets.

Respectfully Report

That a Well and Pump in their opinion is much required at that place, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a Pump placed therein in Forsyth street between Rivington street and Stanton street

David Marsh
R Graves
Fyler Dibblee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 11th Ward and the City Inspector to whom was referred the Petition of Inhabitants at Burnt Mill point to be relieved from a Nuisance presented the following Report.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eleventh Ward and the City Inspector to whom [47] were referred the Petition of sundry Inhabitants at Burnt Mill Point praying to be relieved from a nuisance occasioned by dumping the Butchers Offal at that place Respectfully Report.

That in the opinion of your Committee the evil complained of is one which calls for redress.

Owing to the occupation of the Wharves on the East river southerly of Thirteenth street the Butchers Carts from the numerous Stalls located in the Eastern section of the City avail themselves of this Street as the first opening to the Water—at the intersection of the East River and this Street which is not extended out to the Channel, but is formed by a bulk head along the Southerly side of a Bay, the greater part of the Butchers Offal of this City is cast into the water, which along this Bulkhead is neither sufficiently deep or rapid to remove the offensive deposit, but it remains more or less exposed to the Sun and Air.

Your Committee are aware that the Corporation Law directs under a penalty that all such offal shall be dumped into the stream, but they beg leave to remark that all Laws to be salutary must be reasonable, and they respectfully state that in their opinion the growing population of this City, and the consequent increase of the evil complained of, as well as the reasonable claims of the Butchers to be provided with a convenient place in order that they may be enabled on their part to [48] comply with the Law, seem to require that a suitable provision should be made by the Common Council. With this view your Committee after personal examination recommend as a proper location the dock at the foot of Twenty third street on the East River. This Dock is extended into the Stream to the Boundary Line of the City namely Tompkins street, it is not otherwise occu-

pied, is situated above the Shoal water of the Bay and somewhat remote from population.

From this Dock your Committee recommend that a Bridge Wharf or Pier be built on Piles extending Twenty feet over the Water in order that Persons emptying their Carts may be enabled to dump into the Stream which is at this place both deep and strong.

The expence of a Pier or Wharf as above mentioned according to estimates made for Your Committee will not exceed Four hundred and fifty Dollars, they therefore ask leave to offer the following Resolution for the adoption of the Common Council.

Resolved that the sum of Four hundred and Fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of erecting a suitable Bridge or Pier on Piles at the foot of Twenty third street East River from which the Butchers Offal &c may be conveniently dumped into the Stream

David Marsh
[49] Fyler Dibblee
Isaac Warren

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

A Communication was received from the Police Magistrates requesting suitable apartments in the Old Alms House may be fitted up for a Police Department, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices & Repairs.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of Repairs and alterations at foot of Barclay street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee respectfully Report on the subject of the repairs and alterations at the Intersection of Barclay and West streets, that they deliberately and carefully examined the premises previous to giving directions to have the necessary repairs made, and were decidedly of the opinion that the only efficient method to remedy the evil, was the one which has been adopted, and they gave directions accordingly, and which has been done to the entire satisfaction of the Public, and with regard to the strictest Economy as to the expence, The fixtures made by the Messrs Stevens at the Hoboken Ferry (and which in the opinion of the Committee) has been done with [50] great Judgment and much to the public Accommodation, but which at the same time rendered it necessary to convey the water of Barclay street across West street by means of covered Sewers as there was not sufficient elevation to convey the water on the surface to the river unless by deep gutters rendering it not only inconvenient, but

extremely dangerous to carriages with passengers to and from the Ferry.

Your Committee deem the foregoing explanation sufficient to justify them in the course they have pursued in making the improvement at the foot of Barclay street—They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller issue a Warrant for Two hundred and Ninety five Dollars and thirty two Cents for the payment of the repairs and improvements at the intersection of Barclay and West streets.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

A Communication from Joshua Taylor prefering charges against James Gilbert Clerk of [51] Clinton Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

An Invitation was received from H Marsh Lessee of Castle Garden to witness the ascension of M^r^ Durant in a Balloon from the Garden on the 9^th^ Ins^t^ was read, A Motion was made to lay the same on the table which was negatived. The question was then taken on Accepting the Invitation and a Division being called the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative M^r^ Recorder Al^d^ Mott Lamb Strong Seaman B M Brown Marsh Lee Woodruff M^r^ Roosevelt Seymour Bryson Arcularius Scott Rogers Jeremiah Cooper Lovett 18

In the Negative Al^d^ Nevius Stevens I Brown Palmer M^r^ Mandeville Beadle Dibblee Engs 8

So the Invitation was accepted & directed to be filed

[52] An application was received from the New York Horticultural Society for the Loan of Ornaments for their Dinner and Annual Ball was read and granted.

A Petition of Richard Wilcox relative to the New York Gas Company and also of lighting the City with Gas was read and laid on the Table.

The Mayor announced that Cornelius J Roosa withdrew his application for the Office of Assistant Clerk of the Police Office.

A Petition of Alfred Board for the Office of City Weigher was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of W^m C Rhinelander & others to have William street re-paved between Duane and Frankfort streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of owners of Property in Spruce street to have the same widened was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[53] A Petition of the Inhabitants of Clinton and Attorney streets between Stanton and North street to have certain Lots fenced in was read and referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition of S Andrews & others to have Side walks in North, Second and Cannon streets paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Reynolds & others to have Side walks in Clinton between North and Stanton streets paved, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Hageman & others praying that part of Avenue B lying between North & Second streets may be paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Abraham Pierce praying that the Assessment on his property in 5^th Street near Avenue B may be postponed was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Peter Smith for Balance due him on Contract for regulating Avenue C and also for regulating and paving West street was read and [54] referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Preserved Fish & others to have the present Catharine Market removed and a New Market erected between Catharine & Market streets fronting on South street was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Edward Price that he may be compensated for the loss of ground in consequence of an Error in the location of the lines of Madison street or that the error may be corrected was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Richard Clark stating that he has invented an Apparatus for emptying Vaults &c and praying to have said apparatus examined by a Committee was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of William McGarvin for permission to place a transparent Sign of his Collection of Paintings in the Park was read and referred to the Committee on Lands & Places with powers.

[55] A Petition of owners of Property on the new part of Ann

street to have the side walks widened to Eleven feet was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Isaac Pierson & others to have the repaving of Whitehall Street recorded agreeably to an Ordinance of the Common Council passed in 1824 was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Edmund Smith & others to have the East side of Coenties Slip between South & Front street repaved, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Robert Tier for Stall N° 6 Washington Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of E Weeks & others to have Eighth street filled in and regulated from Avenue D to Lewis street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Fire Engine C° N° 44 to have an Alarm Bell removed from Manhattan Market and erected on said Engine House was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

[56] A Petition of Augustus Leclere & others to have vacant Lots on Barrow corner of Commerce street fenced in was read and referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition of Thomas Mildeberger & others to have side walks in Christopher street paved between Greenwich Lane and the North River was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John R Peters and others Committee of Northern Dispensary for aid to erect a Building for a Dispensary was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Patrick Lamb to be relieved from the payment of personal Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of David Theal & others for a Well & Pump at the corner of Broome & Willet streets, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of the Long Island farmers & others to have an additional Steam boat on the Williamsburgh Ferry, Also a similar Petition [57] from a number of Inhabitants of Williamsburgh were read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Seth Hill to be appointed a City Measurer was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Silas Ludlum to be appointed a City Surveyor was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Jacob Acker praying that the Official conduct of John Van Kleeck & Arnout Brown Inspectors of Fire Wood may be enquired into was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Nicholas Ryerson for Stall N° 8 Fulton Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of James Shaw, Sheriff of the City & County for permission to sell the Stall in Franklin Market belonging to the Heirs of the late Peter Crawbuck, to satisfy an execution against the said Crawbuck was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[58] A Petition of John R Peters & others to have a Market built between Weehawken & West streets, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Samuel White for permission to transfer Stall N° 8 Essex Market to James Reeves was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of the American Hydraulic Company offering for Sale to the Corporation their Patent Rotative Engines was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of William H Hawes for Stall N° 7 Washington Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John Robinson & others to have Elizabeth street paved from Walker to Hester street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Akerly and others to have a Public Slip or Basin at the foot of Jefferson street was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips and the Finance Committee.

[59] A Remonstrance of sundry persons against widening Lombardy street was read and laid on the Table, afterward called up and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of the Measurers of Charcoal for an alteration in the Law relative thereto was read and referred to the Police Committee.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen, the Resignations were accepted and the appointments made

Fire Engine C°

N° 7

Jonathan Marshall—House Painter 73 Thompson S^t^

V^c^ S Van Dyne Time Expired

N° 9

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| Edmund B Hart | Ichabod Williams | Resigned. |
| Archibald Reed | John D Smith | |
| Samuel Riddell | A W Hardie | |
| George Robertson | William Dobson | |
| Edward W Hardie | William Webber | |
| Isaac Cogswell | George Dawson | |
| Calab F Lindsley | Joseph R Young | |

N° 25.

John Welch—Confectioner 45 Catherine S^t^—To fill Company

[60] N° 29.

Samuel C Neilson—Silversmith Greenwich & Leroy
V^c^ Robert Fenton Resigned

N° 34

Nathaniel Lewis Baker, Bleecker S^t^
V^c^ James Beckwith Expelled

George Washington Hammond—Carpenter Greenwich near Charles S^t^ To fill the Company

N° 46

Isaac Bloom—Grocer Cor 28^th^ S^t^ & 3^d^ Avenue To fill the Company

Fire Hook & Ladder C°

N° 1

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| Israel W Lobb—Cabinet Maker Eldridge S^t^ | To fill the Company |
| Henry B Greenwood—Grocer Cor Rose & Pearl S^t^ | |
| Ichabod Williams—Cabinet Maker Broad S^t^ | |

N° 2

Timothy Cornwell 120 Harman S^t^ Chair Maker
To fill the Company

N° 3

Aaron O Price— Mason 324 Bowery
V^c^ Samuel Winant—Time Expired

[61] The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for correcting Nuisances.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz^t^

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| No 1. | Samuel Lawrence | Owner | E side Greenwich St | Lots |
| 2. | John Cowman | " | between 16th & 18th Streets | Do |
| 3. | Robert Tillotson | " | S side Henry St | Do |
| 4. | Docr E N Bibby | " | W side Governeur St | Do |

Isaac Warren City Inspecr

Which were passed.

The City Inspector presented an Ordinance to fill in sunken Lots between Bloomingdale Road & 6th Avenue and between Burlings Lane and 18th Street at the public expence, and that a Lien on the premises be taken for such expence, Which was read and passed.

The Attorney presented the following Report relative to the suit against Patrick McPake for violating the Ordinance by incumbering the Streets.

The Attorney to the Corporation respectfully Reports that in June 1829 a certiorare was brought to reverse a judgment recovered by the Corporation against Patrick McPake for violating the Ordinance imposing a penalty for incumbering the Streets.

That in the month of June last the Superior [62] Court reversed said Judgment. The Costs have been taxed at $83,67/100 for which amount said Patrick is entitled to judgment.

The following Resolution is suggested for Adoption.

Resolved that the Comptroller issue a Warrant for the sum of Eighty three dollars & sixty seven Cents in favor of Jacob Wyckoff to be applied to the payment of the Costs above mentioned

Jacob Wyckoff
Attorney to the Corporation.

Which was read and referred to the Law Committee to audit the Account if deemed Correct.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Returns of Delinquents for the Collection of sundry Assessments—Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors thereof.

On an Assessment for paving Goerck street between Delancy & Rivington street—Also for paving Side walks of Houstoun street between Mott & Elizabeth street—Warrants were ordered to issue to John Hanmer the Collector thereof.

On an Assessment for Public Cisterns in Bleecker street near Broadway—Also for Public Cisterns in Duane street—Warrants ordered to [63] Thomas Cottrell the Collector thereof.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Vizt

For paving the Side walks of 6th Street between McDougal & Christopher street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For paving Side walks in Crosby street between Houston and Bleecker streets, and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For regulating 6th Street from the 1st Avenue to Avenue A and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For paving Side walks in Crosby street between Prince and Houston streets and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector

For repaving Mulberry street from near Cross street to Walker street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For regulating 18th Street from the 8th to the 9th Avenue and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

[64] For regulating 19th Street from the 8th to the 9th Avenue and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

Alderman Stevens agreeably to notice given at the last meeting moved that the Board now reconsider the Vote given on the Report of the Joint Committees of Public Offices and of Jail and Bridewell— After considerable discussion the question was taken will the Board reconsider their vote of last Meeting on said Report, a Division having been called by Alderman Stevens the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Mott Stevens I. Brown Lamb Strong Marsh Palmer Mr Seymour Mandeville Arcularius Dibblee Engs 14

In the Negative Ald Seaman B M Brown Wells Lee Woodruff Mr Roosevelt Bryson Scott Beadel Rogers Jeremiah Cooper Lovett 13

[65] The votes standing 14 in the Affirmative and 13 in the Negative—The Mayor directed his Vote to be recorded in the Negative, there being therefore an equality of Votes, the motion to reconsider was not carried but was lost, as nothing was taken by the Motion.

The Committee on Lands & Places presented the following Report recommending the removal of Oyster stands &c from Around the Park &c.

The Committee on Lands and Places respectfully submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause all the Oyster stands, booths and other incumbrances which now are or hereafter may be placed around the Park or Battery to be removed without delay.

James N Wells
James I Roosevelt Jr
William Mandeville
Peter Cooper

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump near the intersection of Allen and Walker streets presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th [66] Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump to be placed near the intersection of Allen and Walker streets Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion the request of the Petition ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a Pump placed therein near the Intersection of Allen and Walker streets.

B J Meserole
Thos Jeremiah
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the several Petitions for the Office of Assistant Clerk in the Police Office presented the following Report in favor of appointing Elias Hicks.

The Committee on Applications for Office Respectfully Report

That they have duly considered the qualifications of the several applicants for Assistant Police Clerk, and from the best information they have been enabled to obtain are of opinion that Elias Hicks is a person well qualified to discharge the [67] duties of that important Office, And accordingly beg leave to offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved that Elias Hicks be and he hereby is appointed Assistant Police Clerk.

Peter J Nevius
John Lovett

Whereupon on Motion the Board proceeded to Ballot and the President upon counting the Ballots declared Elias Hicks duly elected, he having a Majority of the Votes.

The Committee on cleaning Streets presented the following Report on the situation of the Department of the Superintendent of Streets and recommending the abolishing the Office of Assistant Superintendent of Streets.

The Committee on Cleaning Streets beg leave to Report

That after a variety of ineffectual attempts to obtain a settlement of the Accounts of the Deputy Superintendent of Streets, from the

1st February to the 31st December 1829 they have finally succeeded through the aid of Mr Waters whose assistance your Committee were compelled to require from the very irregular situation in which the accounts were found.

By an exhibit made from documents [68] furnished by the Deputy Superintendent (which is attached to this Report and to which reference may be had for particulars) the Deputy Superintendent appears indebted to the Corporation Three thousand two hundred and twenty dollars forty six cents, for which sum the Committee have received Fifteen hundred dollars in Cash, and his Bond at Six months for the balance One thousand seven hundred and twenty Dollars forty six Cents in order to effect a settlement.

Your Committee regret the necessity to state, that the Office of the Superintendent has been forcibly entered the desk broken open, and three hundred and fifty three dollars twenty four Cents of the public money abstracted therefrom: and your Committee cannot refrain from stating, that in their opinion sufficient prudence has not been exercised by the Officers in this department inasmuch as your Committee directed them more than Six months since, to procure an Iron chest or safe, for the preservation of the Books and papers of this Office.

It appears very evident to your Committee that there is not that promptness in Collecting the moneys due to this Office, which a due regard to the public interest renders desirable, and which strict attention might produce, and as evidence [69] of this opinion, there is now due to this department Nineteen hundred and eighty five dollars forty cents, for manure sold and delivered more than eight months.

From the most deliberate and attentive consideration bestowed on this subject, and the difficulties that exist your Committee would suggest the propriety of placing the whole responsibility of the department on the Superintendent of Streets, and that he be held liable for all the transactions of his Office, subject to the controul of the Committee, to whom monthly returns should be made, and that the Office of Deputy Superintendent be vacated. And it is also further recommended, that each of the Inspectors of Manure shall under oath render monthly returns of all the Manure delivered or Inspected by them to the Comptroller containing the number of the Certificate, number of Loads, name of the Captain and Vessel, or place where delivered.

Your Committee are of opinion that if this plan is adopted and also monthly returns from the Superintendent, of the condition of the horses, carts, and all the Articles under his controul and use, a considerable saving would result by this arrangement to the public.

They therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the above Report be adopted, and the suggestions embraced therein be carried into immediate effect.

[70] William Mandeville
Isaac Brown
James Palmer
Jonathan Seymour
George D Strong

Statement

Of Charles Dobbs accounts with the Department for cleaning Streets of the City for the period of eleven months viz$^{t}$ February 1$^{st}$ to December 31$^{st}$ 1829, from documents furnished by himself, by which he appears to have received

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| For Manure | 20.875.25 |
| Extra paid for Manure | 179.05 |
| Wagon & Harness sold | 65. |
| Manure and removing refuse | 54.34 |
| Cash from J M Bloodgood | 3.400.00 |
| | $24.573.64 |
| Paid during the same period on Account of the Department | 21.353.18 |
| Errors Excepted — Balance due | $3.220.46 |

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted. The Report and Account accompanying were directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the subject of removing the Hay Market to [71] the rear of Tompkins Market presented the following Report in favor of the same together with an Ordinance.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Resolution to remove the Hay Market to the public ground in the rear of Tompkins Market

Respectfully Report.

That in the opinion of your Committee the place as now designated by Law viz$^{t}$ Third street between the Bowery and Second Avenue, is not only very inconvenient to the vender of Hay, but creates a very great nuisance in the front of the Dwellings of the Citizens who reside on that street, that the proposed location is an open space free from

those objections and in the opinion of your Committee ought to be adopted.

They accordingly offer the following Ordinance for the consideration of the Common Council.

"A Law to amend the Law to prescribe a place in this City for the sale of Hay and Straw in Wagons"

Be it Ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that so much of the Law to prescribe a place in this City for the sale of Hay & Straw in wagons be so amended as that the place so assigned be Hall street between Sixth and Seventh streets and that all the provisions of the Law hereby amended inconsistent with the provisions of this Law be and the same are hereby repealed.

[72] Benjamin M Brown
Jon[a] Seymour
W Seaman
David Marsh

Whereupon the Report was approved and the Ordinance passed.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Simon Fleet for increase of Salary as Clerk of Centre Market presented the following in favor of the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Simon Fleet for an increase of Salary as Clerk of Centre Market

Respectfully Report

That *from* the increase of business at the above Market, and the time necessarily devoted to the same, prevents the Clerk from attending to any other business, and in the opinion of your Committee the sum of One dollar per day, which he now receives is not a sufficient compensation for him, they therefore offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that the Salary of the Clerk of Centre Market be One dollar & twenty five cents per day to commence on the first Instant

Benjamin M Brown
[73] Jona Seymour
W Seaman
David Marsh

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Reeves Sen[r] for permission to transfer Stall N° 19 Clinton Market to

William James Pell presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Reeves Sen$^{r}$ for permission to transfer his Stall N$^{o}$ 19 Clinton Market to William James Pell

Respectfully Report

That the said Petition is accompanied with the usual transfer and that M$^{r}$ Pell is recommended as a suitable person to have a Butchers Licence for the same. They offer for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to William James Pell for Stall N$^{o}$ 19 Clinton Market.

Benjamin M Brown
Jon$^{a}$ Seymour
W Seaman
David Marsh

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[74] The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Moses Coddington & others to have the Engine House removed from foot of Duane street and the ground enclosed with a pale fence presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Moses Coddington and sundry others to have the Engine House at the foot of Duane street removed and the square enclosed with a pale fence.

Respectfully Report.

That they have had a proportion of the petitioners before your Committee and have heard their several statements and your Committee are of the opinion that it is very important for the protection of a large amount of property in that section of the City, that the Engine should be retained on the square, and in the opinion of your Committee, there can be no objections to enclose the same with a neat pale fence which can be done at about the same expence as paving it, they would further state that the Engine House is very old and decayed— They offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that the Superintendent of [75] Repairs under the direction of the Committee on the Fire Department have a Fire Engine

House built on the above square and also have the said square enclosed with a Pale fence.

Benjamin M Brown
P. W Engs
James Palmer
Samuel Stevens
John Rogers
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted Mr Roosevelt gave notice of reconsideration at the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the subject of correcting the Register of Firemen presented the following Report.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Resolution of Alderman B M Brown respecting, the Register of Firemen kept in the Office of the Clerk of the Common Council

Respectfully Report.

That on an examination of the Register with the return made by the Chief Engineer, it is found that there is now on the said register Five hundred & twenty three names of persons who are not now Firemen, and as it is desirable that the said [76] Register should be corrected agreeable to the late return of the Chief Engineer, they offer the following for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council be requested to mark opposite the names of the Persons on the Register kept by him who are not now Firemen, agreeably to the annexed list (" marked off by order of the Common Council 6th September 1830 "

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council be requested to prepare a new Register agreeable to the return of the Chief Engineer.

Benjamin M Brown
James Palmer
P. W Engs
William Scott
Samuel Stevens
John Rogers

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the Side walks of Barrow street paved between Bleecker street and Macdougal streets presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was [77] referred the Petition to have the side walks of Barrow street paved between Bleecker street and Macdougal street respectfully Report.

That in their opinion the walks of that street ought to be paved and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the side walks of Barrow street be paved from Bleecker street to Macdougal street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the Side walks of Fourth street paved from Broadway to the Bowery presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee respectfully Report on the Petition to have the Side walks of Fourth street paved from Broadway to the Bowery that in their opinion the walks of that street ought to be paved, And accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the side walks of [78] Fourth street be paved from Broadway to the Bowery.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott
John Lovett.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Side walks of Houston street paved between Broadway and Mott street, and of Mulberry street between Houston & Bleecker street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee respectfully Report on the annexed Petition to have the side walks of Houston street paved between Broadway and Mott street and of Mulberry street between Houston and Bleecker streets, that in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolutions.

Resolved that the Side walks of Houston street be paved from Broadway to Mott Street.

Resolved that the side walks of Mulberry street be paved from Houston street [79] to Bleecker street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Counsel of the Board relative to the Confirmation by the Supreme Court of the Report of the Commissioners for extending Asylum street, and also the Tenth Avenue presented the following Report.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Report of the Counsel to the Board that the Supreme Court had confirmed the Report of the Commissioners for extending Asylum street from Christopher street to the Sixth Avenue and of the Tenth Avenue from 14th to 28th Street and that it remains for the Board to determine when the said Street and Avenue shall be opened

On which your Committee respectfully Report that in their opinion the opening of the aforesaid street and Avenue ought to be opened without delay and accordingly submit the following Resolutions.

Resolved that the extending of Asylum from Christopher street to the Sixth Avenue be carried [80] into effect from and after the first day of October next and that the buildings and obstructions be removed therefrom on or before the first day of November next following

Resolved that the Tenth Avenue be opened by removing the buildings and obstructions therefrom between the 14th and 28th Streets from and after the first day of April next and that the incumbrances be removed therefrom within thirty days thereafter.

Thomas T Woodruff
Jn° Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of repaving Elizabeth street from Walker to Hester street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee respectfully Report on the Petition for

re-paving Elizabeth street from Walker street to Hester street, that in their opinion the Carriage way of that Street ought to be paved without delay inasmuch as that from the widening and re-laying the Side walks of [81] that Street it becomes necessary to repave the Carriage way it being broken and irregular, and cannot be repaired in its present state— Your Committee would therefore recommend that an Ordinance be passed, in Order that the Carriage way may be paved while the side walks are widening, and thereby save the additional expence of another Assessment for the same section of that street and also to prevent the keeping the Street incumbered an unnecessary length of time—They accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that Elizabeth street be re-paved from Walker street to Hester street, and that an Ordinance be passed therefor forthwith.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
George D Strong
John Rogers
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Lombardy street widened and improved between Catharine street and Jefferson street presented a Report in favor of the same which was read and Laid on the Table.

[82] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Lewis street paved from 3$^{d}$ Street to 4$^{th}$ Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Lewis Street paved from 3$^{d}$ Street to 4$^{th}$ Street respectfully Report That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that Lewis street be paved from Third street to and including the intersection of Fourth street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Batavia street re-paved from Roosevelt Street to James Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Batavia street re-paved from Roosevelt street to James street

[83] Respectfully Report

That in their opinion that Street ought to be repaved and therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved Battavia street be repaved from Roosevelt street to James street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was Approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in Crosby street and Houston street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well & Pump in Crosby street near Houston street respectfully Report

That in their opinion a Well & Pump is necessary at that place and accordingly submit the following resolution—Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a Pump placed therein in Crosby street near Houston street.

James N Wells
John Rogers
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[84] The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in 14th Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well and Pump in 14th Street Respectfully Report

That in their opinion a Well & Pump is much required in that Street and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Well be dug & built and a Pump placed therein in Fourteenth street near the Sixth Avenue.

James N Wells
John Rogers
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

Mr Arcularius presented the following Resolutions [which] where Adopted.

Resolved that Hoboken street be paved between Washington and West streets.

Resolved that the foregoing Resolution be referred to the Street Committee with power to have the same carried into effect at a sum not exceeding One hundred Dollars to this Corporation.

[85] Alderman Strong presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices and Repairs.

Resolved that the Court of General Sessions be hereafter held in the large Room in the City Hall heretofore appropriated to that Court, and that provision be made for the Superior Court in some vacant Room in the City Hall.

Alderman Strong presented the following Resolution which was read and Adopted.

Resolved that in conformity with the 18th Section of the New Charter of the City, no expenditure which has not previously been appropriated for the object to which the same is to be applied, will be paid out of the Funds, which now are, or may be hereafter in the City Treasury.

Upon recommendation of the Street Commissioner John Hanmer was appointed Collector of the Assessment for opening 11th Street between Broadway and Greenwich Lane and for Opening Assylum street from Christopher street to 6th Avenue & Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector of the Assessment for opening 5th Avenue from 13th to 21st Street, & for opening the 10th Avenue from 14th to 28th Street.

[86] Mr Roosevelt presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Resolved that the Committee on Repairs cause the Basement of the City Hall to be painted and covered with pulverized Marble.

Mr Engs presented the following which was referred to the Market Committee

Resolved that the Market Committee be requested to Report to this

Board whether in their opinion the present Rate of Market fees should not be reduced.

Whether the present Laws against fore-stalling are sufficient, and if so why not enforced.

And whether a system of disposing of Butchers Stalls, in such manner that persons of good character who have served a regular apprenticeship in this City can obtain them without purchasing, should not be adopted.

Alderman Lee presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Law Committee

Whereas a Book of "General Orders" is indispensible to correct and judicious Legislation [87] therefore Resolved that the Clerk prepare such Book, recording briefly the titles of all the Reports and Ordinances, which may have been laid on the Table, and that the whole be read at each Meeting of the Board immediately after the reading Reports of Standing Committees.

Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that the Comptroller Report a Warrant for five hundred and fifty Dollars in favor of Abraham B Martling Keeper of the City Hall at the next meeting or the Board for the purpose of purchasing Coal for the use of the Offices in said Hall.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto Viz[t]

For a Well & Pump in 14[th] Street near 6[th] Avenue and John Lockwood, Alpheus Sherman and Cornelius Harsen were appointed Assessors.

For a Well & Pump in Crosby street near Houston street and Abraham Dally, Samuel Purdy and Peter Ogilvie were appointed Assessors.

[88] For paving Delancy street between Goerck street and the Bulk head & Abraham Dally Samuel Purdy & Peter Ogilvie were appointed Assessors.

For repaving Cherry street from Rutgers to Clinton street and Abraham Bloodgood, Cornelius J Roosevelt & Pine Hopkins were appointed Assessors.

For repaving Eldridge street from Division to Hester street and John Leonard Alpheus Sherman & Cornelius Harsen appointed Assessors

For repaving Batavia street and John Harris, Jedediah B Leister and John Slidell appointed Assessors.

For paving Lewis street between 3d & 4th Streets and John Lozier Abm Baudoine and Jacob S Baker appointed Assessors.

For a Well & Pump in Forsyth street between Rivington & Stanton streets and David Lyon David Marsh Jr & Charles Dusenbury appointed Assessors.

For a Well & Pump near the Intersection of Allen and Walker streets and Gideon Tucker Everardus Warner & Gabriel Van Cotts appointed Assessors.

[89] For repaving Elizabeth street from Walker to Hester street and John Targee, Abraham Quick & Reuben Munson appointed Assessors.

For paving Side walks of Houston and Mulberry streets and John Targee Abraham Quick & Reuben Munson were appointed Assessors.

For paving Side walks of Barrow street and Shivers Parker, Thomas R Smith, & Samuel Gilford were appointed Assessors.

For paving Side walks of Fourth street and Gideon Tucker, Everardus Warner & Gabriel Van Cotts were appointed Assessors.

Alderman Palmer presented a Resolution that no Public Dinners be given at the City Hall or Alms House without the order of the Corporation. It was moved to amend it by adding after the word Alms House "or elsewhere" which was agreed to, but before the question was taken on the Resolution as amended A motion was made to Adjourn and Carried.

[90] The Comptroller presented the following Cash Account.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance as per Actt 23d August | 291.62 |
| Recd for Rents | 5923.86 |
| " " Streets | 3814.13 |
| " " Tax of 1829 | 1629.16 |
| " " Street Manure | 1500. |
| " " Tax of 1826 | 500. |
| " " Police Office fees | 1078.65 |
| " " Justices Courts | 497.14 |
| " " Superior Court fees | 328.50 |
| " " Arrears of Tax | 215.34 |
| " " Commutation Quaker fines Militia | 178.40 |
| " " Clerk of Sessions fees | 155.22 |
| " " Docks & Slips | 22.50 |
| Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 23d August on Actt | 8700. |
| | $24.834.52 |

60 Accounts audited & directed to be paid.

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|---|---|---|
| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch | 1st Dist | 1386. |
| Astin & Field | " 2d " | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring | " 3d " | 945. |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D Hageman Superdt Wharves 1 Qr Salary 5 Sept..... | | | | | 150. |
| Astin & Higbee Asst Keepers City Hall | | | 1 Mo | 1 Inst | 77.50 |
| C Myers Keeper Pottersfield | | | " | " | 69.75 |
| O Ayres Asst City Inspector | | | " | " | 58.50 |
| J Coffin | Do | | " | " | 58.50 |
| [91] Thos Asten St Inspectr | 1st | Ward | " | " | 46.50 |
| T Woolcocks | Do | 2d " | " | " | 46.50 |
| J B Ebbetts | Do | 3d " | " | " | 46.50 |
| N B Lyon | Do | 4th " | " | " | 46.50 |
| I. A Isaacs | Do | 5th " | " | " | 46.50 |
| A Morris | Do | 6th " | " | " | 46.50 |
| F Gantz | Do | 7th " | " | " | 46.50 |
| Wm G Babb | Do | 8th " | " | " | 46.50 |
| H B Roome | Do | 9th " | " | " | 46.50 |
| T Austin | Do | 10th " | " | " | 46.50 |
| A Hatfield | Do | 11th " | 2 Mo | " | 93. |
| E Kingsland | Do | 12th " | 1 Mo | " | 46.50 |
| D Hubbard | Do | 13th " | " | " | 46.50 |
| P. Field | Do | 14th " | " | " | 46.50 |
| J. Coffin Asst City Inspectr removg Nuisances | | | " | " | 122.44 |
| J Pinckney Asst Board of Health | | | " | " | 52. |
| A Parker | Do | | " | " | 52. |
| Geo Duryea Clerk Fulton Market | | | " | " | 87.86 |
| L Baum | " | Washington | " | " | 82.17 |
| J Bremner | " | Catharine | " | " | 62. |
| J Martine | " | Tompkins | 2 Mo | " | 62. |
| J Gilbert | " | Clinton & Greenwich | 1 Mo | " | 59. |
| J M Devoy | " | 3 Markets | " | " | 58.50 |
| S Fleet | " | Centre | " | " | 49. |
| R Smith | " | Franklin | " | " | 38.75 |
| J Seaman | " | Manhattan | " | " | 31. |
| [92] Abm Leggett Super Mud Scow 2 weeks to 5 Septr.... | | | | | 141.63 |
| Geo B Thorp Keeper City Prison & 2 Depts 1 Qr. Salary 1 Sept ..... | | | | | 500. |
| J Hays for Officers extra service Police 1 Qur 26 August.. | | | | | 628.25 |
| J Hays for Do conveyg persons to City Prison 1 Qr 1 August ..... | | | | | 453.50 |
| Administrator of Jacob Townsend Decd late Asst Clerk Police 12 May to 25 July..... | | | | | 162.22 |
| Ryder Cummings & Mott Sunday service 12th Ward 13 days each 26th July..... | | | | | 58.50 |
| Ogden Hoffman Dist Attorney 1 Qr Salary 25 August..... | | | | | 750. |
| D. T. Valentine Marshal Marine Court 1 Mo 1 Sept..... | | | | | 32.50 |
| Office of American Subscription 6 Mo 26 August..... | | | | | 50. |
| G Snethen lighting Lamps 1 Mo 1 Septr..... | | | | | 1421.86 |
| R Provoost painting &c Gas Lamps 2 Mo & Lamps 1 Mo 1 Septr ..... | | | | | 108.85 |
| J Dunn & Sons making & repairg Gas Lamps 1 Jany to 6 April ..... | | | | | 94.62 |

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| New York Gas light Co supply of Gas & fixtures 1 Year 4 July 1830 | 1895.31 | |
| M Tally Actt reg & pavg Weehawken St fm Christopher to Charles St | 300. | |
| Abm Storms extra work Catharine Slip front of Market | 1374.59 | |
| Abm Storms 2d payt building Pier James Slip | 783.33 | |
| Abm Storms extra work to bulkhead at James Slip | 508.97 | |
| Abm Storms bal buildg Bulkhead at James Slip | 448.96 | |
| J Gallagher Junr bal on Well 17th St near 8th Avenue | 15. | |
| R Graves St Comr Actt McAdamising 3d Avenue | 1000. | |
| R Graves do Actt expences Lands & Places | 500. | |
| West Point Association Actt of Steam Engine Public Reservoir | 3000. | |
| Mark Richards sundry Iron Articles for Reservoir | 105.58 | |
| Jas M Oakley sunday service 7th Ward 17 day to 1 August. | 25.50 | |
| A Burtis Super Alms House for Alms House | 5000. | 24,826.10 |
| | Balance | $8.42 |

Board adjourned to Monday 20th Inst at 5 OClock

[93] In Common Council September 20. 1830

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|
| Peter J Nevius | James I Roosevelt Jr |
| William W Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D Strong | William Scott |
| William Seaman | John Rogers |
| Benjamin M Brown | Thomas Jeremiah |
| James N Wells | Fyler Dibblee |
| Bernard J Meserole | Peter Cooper |
| James Palmer | John Lovett |
| Thomas T Woodruff | Philip W Engs |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Approved.

After reading the Cash Account of the Comptroller, with the accounts Audited, the Mayor put the following Question, Shall an appropriation be made, and shall Warrants issue for the payment [94] of the said Accounts. Alderman Seaman rose in his place and stated that in his opinion, no Warrants could issue for payment of those accounts, while the Resolution proposed by Alderman Strong, and passed at the last meeting of the Board continued in force, and he

moved that the said Resolution be rescinded—The reading of the Resolution was called for, and it was read in the following words.

"Resolved that in conformity with the 18th Section of the New "Charter of the City, no expenditure which has not previously been "appropriated for the object to which the same is to be applied shall "be paid out of the Funds, which now are or may be hereafter in "the City Treasury."

Considerable discussion arose and on the question of agreeing to the Motion of Alderman Seaman to rescind the said Resolution it was carried in the Affirmative the Members voting as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Mott Lamb Seaman B M Brown [95] Wells Meserole Woodruff Mr Roosevelt Seymour Bryson Scott Rogers Jeremiah Cooper Lovett 17

In the Negative Ald Stevens I Brown Strong Palmer Mr Mandeville Arcularius Dibblee Engs 8

The Mayor then put the Question shall the appropriation be made for payment of the Accounts mentioned in the Comptrollers Cash Account, which was carried in the Affirmative—He then put the Question, shall Warrants issue for payment of said Accounts which was also carried in the Affirmative—see Cash Account page 129

The Resolution proposed by Alderman Palmer at the last Meeting of the Board, and as amended was read in the words following.

"Resolved that no Public Dinners be hereafter given at the Alms House, or elsewhere or Suppers unless ordered by the Common Council.

Debate arose thereon and after some time the Previous question was called, the Mayor put the [96] question, shall the main question be now put, which was agreed to—The question was then taken on adopting the Resolution and a Division being called by Mr Engs the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Ald Nevius Stevens I Brown Lamb Strong Seaman B M Brown Meserole Palmer Mr Roosevelt Mandeville Arcularius Scott Dibblee Cooper Engs 16.

In the Negative Mr Recorder Ald Mott Wells Woodruff Mr Seymour Bryson Rogers Jeremiah Lovett 9

So it was carried in the Affirmative. Alderman Palmer gave notice of Reconsideration at the next Meeting of the Board—Alderman Stevens called for the Vote of the Mayor; on the question The Mayor stated that by the Rules he was entitled to one Vote only, and that it was right to give that [97] vote when he saw fit and was not compelled to Vote Alderman Stevens appealed from that opinion of the

Mayor, but upon Motion of Alderman Mott the consideration of that appeal was postponed.

Mr Dibblee presented the following Resolution which was read and Laid on the Table.

Resolved that this Common Council will not in future sanction the payment of any Bill for any Corporation or Public Dinner which is not previously directed by a Resolution of the Common Council.

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Gas Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Gas to enquire and Report to this Board whether the New York Gas light Company have not received from the City Treasury payment for the extinguishment of Lamps to which they are not entitled by contract and to what Amount.

A Petition of Samuel P Wallis for permission to suspend in front of his Store No 205 Broadway a Clock with two Dials was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Third Ward with powers.

[98] A Communication was received from John Martino relative to supplying the City with good and Wholesome Water was read and referred to the Water Committee and the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Remonstrance of John C & R L Stevens against the grant of a New Ferry to John Shillaber from the Jersey shore to the foot of Warren street, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee, and on Motion of Alderman Mott the Report of the Ferry Committee Laid on the Table at the last Meeting was called and referred back to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Edmund Blunt to take charge, And also B & S Demilt to take charge of the Observatory at the City Hall free of expence were read and referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

A Memorial of persons confined in the Debtors Jail remonstrating against their removal at present to the building formerly known as the City Prison was read and referred to the Committees on Repairs & Public Offices.

[99] A Petition of William Monckton to have a fine remitted for letting his Cart remain in the Street was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Mary Wade to be permitted to sell Fruit &c in front of the Park was read and referred to the Committee on Lands & Places.

A Petition of a number of persons in favor of a New Market at the foot of Catharine street was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Duff to have a fine remitted for selling Liquor without Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Resolvent Stephens for additional compensation as Clerk of the Police Office after the death of the late Mr Townsend to the appointment of Mr Hicks, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John H Graham & Catharine Ann Graham his wife praying to have the small Gore of land in the rear of their premises in Ann street between Nassau street and Broadway sold to them was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[100] A Petition of Mathias Wall, of John Davenport and of Peter L Webb respectively for the Office of Weigher of Hay at Tompkins Market were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Peter Williamson for the reward offered by the Mayor for the detection of Persons who have set fire to the City he having detected and prosecuted to conviction & sentence Sarah W Smith who set fire to the Stable of William Elder, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Hoffman Lessee of District N° 1 for the passage of a Law to facilitate the Collection of Wharfage of small Boats was read and referred to the Law Committee.

A Petition of Joshua D Waterman for reduction of rent on Block of ground bounded by Charlton, King, Washington and West streets of which he is the Lessee was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Fream and others to have Hester street paved from Bowery to Norfolk street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[101[ A Petition of Andrew Killenger for Grant of Stall N° 10 Grand street Market formerly occupied by Joseph Ferdon was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Remonstrance of Edward Phillips and others against fencing Vacant Lots between Stanton and North streets was read and referred to the Street Committee & City Inspector.

A Petition of Bernard Hone for the remission of a Fine for selling

Liquor without Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Phinehas Underwood for payment for a Lot of ground on Ninth street taken by the Corporation for regulating the 3d Avenue was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance of John McCosker and others against the proposed widening of Spruce street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John F Delaplaine & others to have the Bloomingdale Road paved [102] from 14th to 21st Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Nathan B Graham Jr and others to have the Well in William street near Cedar street properly dug so as to supply the Inhabitants in the vicinity with Water was read and referred to the Superintendent of Repairs.

A Petition of John McMahon praying to be released from the Debtors Jail where he is now confined for selling Liquors &c refd to Police Committee with powers.

A Petition of Charles Hopper & others to have the stable situated at the corner of Mott and Houston Street removed was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Reuben Miles to be appointed a Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Remonstrance of William S Watkins & others against the widening of Lombardy street was read and Laid on the Table.

[103] A Petition of P H Lane for permission to sink a Pump at the corner of Bowery and Tenth street at his own expence, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen, the Appointments were made and the Resignations accepted.

Fire Engine Co

No 1

George W Gilchrist—Silver smith 389 Greenwich St

To fill the Company.

No 6

Samuel Bennet—Morrocco Dresser 71 Warren St

Vc Charles *Shivers* [Shriver]—Resigned

N° 9

Henry B Cook
Gilder 18 Stone S[t]
George W Gordon
Merch[t] 21 John S[t]
Joseph R Young—
Cabinet Maker
67 Broad S[t]
Isaac Labagh—
Merch[t] 44 Lumber S[t]
Alexander W Hardie
Hatter 14 New Street
George Young—
Upholsterer 67 Broad S[t]
George Dawson—
Cabinet Maker 34 Beaver S[t]
John Cook—
Gold beater 18 Stone S[t]
George Robertson
Tailor 11 Pine Street
Emanuel B Hart—
Merchant 12 Lispenard S[t]

} To fill the Company.

[104] N° 10

George S Kip Carver 32 fifth S[t] V[c] Daniel Horton—Expelled

N° 17.

George E Hobby—Grocer 103 Cherry Street
V[c] Edmund C Littlewood Resigned
Isaac Clark—Printer 77 James S[t]
V[c] Bartholemew Mealio—Resigned

N° 18

James Wendover—Druggist Co[r] Christopher & Grove S[t]
V[c] Samuel J *Glispie* [Gillespie] Resigned
David Robinson Comb Maker Co[r] Bleecker & Burton S[t]
To fill the Company.

N° 23

Edward Butman—Cabinet Maker Co[r] Lawrence & Grand S[t]
V[c] Peter R Warner Resigned

N° 27

Henry S Cave—Shoemaker N° 8 Grand S[t]
V[c] John Van Winkle Time Expired

N° 29

Isaac Paulding—Carpenter Van Dam near Hudson S[t]
V[c] Cyrus P Tooker Resigned

N° 37

Abraham Storms J[r] Dock builder 49 Clinton S[t]
V[c] Abraham Masterson—Time Expired
John P Smith—Blacksmith 9 Ludlow S[t]
V[c] Joseph B Poor—Resigned

[105] N° 36

John M Marsh—Carpenter 91 Sullivan S^t^
V^c^ Thomas M Day—Resigned

N° 39

Peter Thompson Sadler Vesey Street
V^c^ William A Dobson—Resigned
A H Maverick—Engraver Liberty S^t^ V^c^ To fill the Company

N° 41

James R Sparrow Cartman 130 Attorney S^t^
V^c^ To fill the Company

N° 44

Francis E Thomas Ship Carpenter Clinton S^t^
V^c^ Abraham Hatfield—Resigned
Robert Kerven—Ship Carpenter Lewis & Stanton S^t^
V^c^ James Everly—Resigned
George Jennings—Ship Carpenter Cannon S^t^
V^c^ Gilbert A Johnson Resigned

N° 46

Joseph Snyder—Piano Forte Maker 18^th^ S^t^ To fill Company

Fire Hose C° N° 1

Benjamin Field Sadler 39 Bowery
V^c^ Thomas Schieffelin Jun^r^ Resigned
Elbert R Sammis Accountant 321 Pearl S^t^
V^c^ John J Stephens Resigned
Emery Purdy—Merchant 76 Mott S^t^
V^c^ Jacob Wardell Time Expired

[106] Fire Hook & Ladder C°

N° 2

Joseph B Harvey 83 Cliff S^t^
Henry Riley—
Musical Instrument Maker 66 Norfolk S^t^
Frederick Riley—
Musical Instrument Maker 29 Chatham S^t^
William Jagger Hatter 460 Pearl S^t^
Henry Brown Hatter 83 Chatham S^t^
Edward Blanchard Hatter 39 Frankfort S^t^
John G C Lord—Carpenter 28 Hamilton
Sidney B Hatfield—Printer 95 Canal S^t^
} To fill the Company

N° 4

Benjamin F Wallace Butcher Eldridge S[t]
V[c] Israel W Lobb—Resigned

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for the correction of sundry Nuisances.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

| N° | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1. | [107]Edward Livingston | Owner | E side Clinton S[t] | Lots |
| | 2. | W & D Beck | " | 67 Ludlow S[t] | " |
| | 3. | Es[t] of N Low Dec[d] | " | N side Madison S[t] | " |
| | 4. | W[m] L Simers | " | E side Scammel S[t] | " |
| | 5. | Es[t] of Cha[s] Coles Dec[d] | " | " " | " |
| | 6. | M[rs] Dickes | " | S side Harman S[t] | " |
| | 7. | W[m] B Crosby | " | " " | " |
| | 8. | D[r] James Owens | " | 29 Renwick S[t] | " |
| | 9. | Jacob Brower | " | N side 10[th] S[t] | " |
| | 10. | James Boyle | " | W side 5[th] Avenue | " |
| | 11. | Samuel Thomson | " | N side of Henry S[t] | " |
| | 12. | S. W. Lowerre | " | " | " |
| | 13. | Peter Smith | " | S side of Harman S[t] | " |
| | 14. | Hugh Smith | " | " | " |
| | 15. | Moses Young | " | " | " |
| | 16. | W Bulkley | " | " | " |
| | 17. | T. J. Gardner | " | " | " |
| | 18. | Thomas Morton | Lessee | S side of Grand S[t] | " |
| | 19. | John M Seaman | owner | " Harman S[t] | " |
| | 20. | " | " | " Grand S[t] | " |

I Warren
City Inspector

Which were passed.

The City Inspector presented an Ordinance to fill in Sunken Lots between Bloomingdale Road and Sixth Avenue & between 13[th] & 15[th] Streets [108] at the public expence, and that a Lien be taken on the premises for the same—Which was read and passed.

The Commissioners of the Alms House Penitentiary and Bridewell presented a Report in pursuance of the Resolution of the Common Council of the 28[th] of June last which was ordered to be laid on the Table and 250 Copies to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Peter Smith for the payment of Balances due him for paving Streets presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of

Peter Smith for the payment of the balances due to him on his contracts for regulating and paving streets

Respectfully Report

They find due to the Petitioner on the paving of West street from Spring to Hamersly street $593 $^{7}/_{100}$, and also to be due to him on the filling up and regulating Avenue C from Second to Fifth streets $2802 $^{9}/_{100}$. [109] The assessments for the above mentioned streets have been confirmed several months since, all the steps pointed out by Law have been complied with by the Collectors, and the property which is delinquent, is now advertised for sale, in order to Collect the same by order of the Common Council from these circumstances your Committee are of opinion, that the prayer of the Petitioner, is reasonable and ought to be granted, and offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to draw Warrants in favor of Peter Smith the Petitioner for the sum of $593,$^{7}/_{100}$ balance for paving West street from Spring to Hamersly street and for the sum of $2802,$^{9}/_{100}$ balance for regulating Avenue C from 2$^{d}$ to 5$^{th}$ Streets

Respectfully submitted

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
Peter J Nevius
William W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Owen Smith for payment of Monies due him for filling in sunken Lots in Mulberry street presented the following [110] Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee on the annexed Petition of Owen Smith for the payment of money due for filling up four sunken Lots in Mulberry street beg leave to Report, that they find the Petitioner was employed by the late City Inspector to fill up the Lots in question, and did actually render the service required of him by the said filling up, as is shewn to your Committee by the Certificate of Daniel Ewen City Surveyor appended to the Petition, and also by the verbal statement of M$^{r}$ Ewen made before the Committee to that effect.

The amount of his contract with the City Inspector for 3345 loads of Earth is $275.60 and your Committee offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to draw a Warrant in favor of Owen Smith the Petitioner for the amount above stated of $275,$^{6}/_{100}$

Respectfully submitted

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
Peter J Nevius
Wm W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[111] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Application of a Committee appointed at a Meeting of Citizens to apply to the Municipal authorities for aid in the establishment of a House of Industry presented a Report which was read, Laid on the Table and directed to be printed with the Documents relating thereto for the use of the Members

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Members of Fire Engine Company No 36 for a New Engine House and also a permanent Location near its present one, presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of the Members of Fire Engine Company No 36 for a New Engine House, and also for a permanent location near its present one

Respectfully Report

That the Engine House is very much decayed and not worth repairing and in the opinion of your Committee ought to be replaced by a new one, that the present scite, viz the ground of the Presbyterian Church in Spring street near Varick street is too small and inconvenient for the erection of a proper and suitable House, that your Committee have endeavoured to procure a Lot in the vicinity, and they would Report that Mr Anthony Compton [112] has offered them a piece of ground on the corner of Van Dam & Varick streets of the following dimensions 15 feet front and rear & 25 feet deep on a Lease of Seventeen years at the rate of Fifty Dollars per year, which in the opinion of your Committee is the most advantageous terms they can procure a Lot on. They accordingly offer for the consideration of the Common Council the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department be and is empowered to Lease the above Lot, and that the Superintendent of

Repairs under the direction of the said Committee have a suitable House erected on the same.

Benjamin M Brown
James Palmer
John Rogers
P W Engs
William Scott
Samuel Stevens

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees of Columbia College for the removal of Engine House N° 6 also Petition of Members of said Company and of Inhabitants in the vicinity of [113] Hudson & Chamber streets for location of same at junction of Hudson Chapel Reed & Chamber street presented a Report in favor of the same which was read and Laid on the Table.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel White, William H Hawes, Nicholas Ryerson & Jacob Tier for Butchers Licences presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the several Petitions of Samuel White William H Hawes of Nicholas Ryerson, & of Jacob Tier respectfully Report

That the several Petitions are accompanied with the necessary transfers & the usual Certificates of Qualification, they accordingly offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to Nicholas Ryerson for Stall N° 8 Fulton Market—To James Reeves for Stall N° 8 Essex Market—To William H Hawes for Stall N° 7 Washington Market & to Robert Tier for Stall N° 6 Washington Market.

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
Jonathan Seymour
[114] W Seaman
B. J Meserole

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Isaac Asten for increase of Salary as sweeper of Fulton Market presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Isaac Asten sweeper of Fulton Market praying an increase of Salary Respectfully Report.

That the duties of sweeper of said Market has increased very much & he now daily requires the aid of three Assistants.

To pay these men together with the expence of Brooms &c so reduces the amount of his compensation, as to afford an inadequate maintenance for himself; They therefore offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that the pay to Isaac Asteen sweeper of Fulton Market be increased from One dollar & fifty cents per day to Two Dollars.

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
Jonathan Seymour
[115] W Seaman
B J Meserole

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips and Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition from a number of persons recommending the purchase of part of the Estate of the late Colonel Rutgers near the foot of Jefferson street presented the following Report against the same.

The Committee of Wharves Piers & Slips and Finance to whom was referred a Petition from a number of persons residing in the Eastern part of the City recommending the purchase of part of the Estate of the late Col[l] Rutgers near the foot of Jefferson street. Respectfully Report.

That your Committees have made the necessary enquiry and have ascertained that the Grant of Water Lots made to Co[l] Rutgers extends to and includes South street, reserving however to the Corporation the water in front thereof for a Public Slip or Basin and also such portion of South street as may be necessary after such Public Slip or Basin shall be formed. Under these circumstances your Committees are of opinion that it would not be to the interest of the Corporation to become the purchasers of the ground now offered for Sale by the Executors [116] of Col Rutgers and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is unnecessary at this time for the Corporation to purchase any portion of the Land belonging to the estate of Col

Rutgers situate on the East River between Rutgers and Jefferson streets.

John Lovett
W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb
Wm W Mott
Isaac Brown

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Committee on Repairs to whom was referred the subject of painting the Basement of the City Hall white in imitation of Marble presented the following Report in favor.

The Committee of Repairs to whom was referred the Resolution of Mr Roosevelt relative to painting the Basement of the City Hall white in Imitation of Marble

Beg leave to Report

That your Committee have maturely considered that subject, and it is not without feelings of regret that they are constrained to say they think a great Error was committed by building any [117] part of the outside of the Hall with Brown free stone, when Marble could have been procured of a much stronger and more durable nature, But from the experience of some of your Committee, and from the enquiry they have made of old experienced builders and Stone Cutters, they are satisfied that painting free Stone with Oil colours, tend more to harden and preserve that material, than any other thing they are acquainted with. In consideration of which your Committee would offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Superintendent of Repairs cause the Basement of the South, East and West fronts of the City Hall to be painted white under the direction of the Committee on Repairs.

Thomas T Woodruff
James N Wells
Wm Mandeville.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of owners of property on that part of Ann street recently widened to have the side walks Eleven feet in width presented the following Report against the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of *the* some of the owners of the property on that part of Ann street recently widened [118] to have the side walks Eleven feet in width

Respectfully Report

That inasmuch as part of the walks are newly laid to the width allowed by Law viz$^{t}$ Ten feet, they deem it inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners, believing that Ten feet is as much as ought to be allowed in that Street, being only 40 feet in width.

Accordingly they submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
John Rogers
George D Strong

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the regulation of 8$^{th}$ Street completed between Avenue D and Lewis street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the regulation of 8$^{th}$ Street completed between Avenue D & Lewis street. Respectfully Report.

[119] That Eighth street being partially filled renders it impassible for Carriages, and ought in their opinion to be filled to the regulation;

Accordingly they submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that Eighth street be filled and regulated from Avenue D to Lewis street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
John Rogers
George D Strong

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the Carriage way on the Easterly side of Coenties slip between Front and South street re-paved presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee respectfully Report on the annexed Petition to have the Carriage way re-paved on the Easterly side of Coen-

ties Slip between Front and South streets. That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted, and Accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Carriage way on the Easterly side of Coenties Slip be re-paved from Front street to South street

[120] Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
John Rogers
George D Strong

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Side walks of North street, Second street and Cannon streets paved presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have the side walks of North street from Cannon to Goerck street, Second street from Avenue D to Goerck street, and of Cannon street from Stanton to North street respectively paved.

Report

That in their opinion the walks in all those parts of Streets ought to be paved and therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Side walks of North street be paved from Cannon to Goerck street—of Second street from Avenue D to Goerck street—And of Cannon street from Stanton to North street.

[121] Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
John Rogers
George D Strong

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Mildeberger & others to have Sidewalks of Christopher street paved presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Mildeberger and other to have the side walks of Christopher street paved Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion the walks of that Street ought to be paved from Greenwich Lane to Washington street, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the side walks of Christopher street be paved from Greenwich Lane to Washington street

Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
John Rogers
George D Strong

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the side walks of [122] Clinton street from Stanton to North street re-paved presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the side walks of Clinton street paved from Stanton street to North street Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the walks of that part of Clinton street ought to be paved, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the side walks of Clinton street be paved from Stanton street to North street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
John Rogers
George D Strong

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have William street re-paved from Duane to Frankfort street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee respectfully Report on the annexed Petition to have William street re-paved from Duane street to Frankfort street, that, that part of William street ought to be [123] repaved, and therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved that William street be repaved from Duane street to Frankfort street

Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
John Rogers
George D Strong

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Avenue B between North and Second street paved presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee respectfully Report on the Petition for paving Avenue B between North and Second streets, That in their opinion that part of the Avenue ought to be paved, and Accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that Avenue B be paved from North street to Second street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
John Rogers
George D Strong.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[124] The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the several Petitions for the Office of City Guager in the place of John Duffy dec$^{d}$ presented the following Report in favor of appointing Abraham Dally Jun$^{r}$

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom were referred the several Petitions for the Office of City Guager in the place of John Duffy dec$^{d}$ Respectfully Report.

That they have duly considered the same and have come to the conclusion, to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that Abraham Dally Jun$^{r}$ be and he is hereby appointed a City Guager in the place of John Duffy deceased.

Respectfully submitted

B. J. Meserole
Peter J Nevius
John Lovett

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted and he was accordingly appointed.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 1$^{st}$ Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Remsen & others requesting the removal of the Pump at Hanover Square presented the following Report against [125] the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the First ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Remsen and others requesting that the Well & Pump at Hanover square may be removed to some more suitable Location

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the Well in its situation gives less Annoyance to the individuals in that vicinity or to the public, than at any

other place in that section of the City, and that the water is good which would probably not be the case even if it was removed, but a little distant from its present location.

For the foregoing considerations your Committee are induced to recommend the Adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to remove the Well and Pump at Hanover Square from its present location.

Peter J Nevius
James I Roosevelt Jr
R Graves.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Gas Committee presented the following Report relative to lighting Beekman Wall and Courtlandt Streets with Gas, on being read [126] It was moved that Fulton street be inserted in the Resolution which was carried in the Affirmative

The Report was then read in the words following.

The Gas Committee respectfully Report

That there is now on hand in the Corporation Yard One hundred and seventy six Gas Lamp Post[s] which in the opinion of your Committee should be immediately put in use.

And from an Estimate made by the Superintendent of Lamps, this number appears to be sufficient to light Beekman Wall & Courtlandt streets, they accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Superintendent of Lamps under the directions of the Gas Committee, cause Beekman street, Wall street, "Fulton street" and Courtlandt street to be lighted with Gas

Respectfully submitted

Peter J Nevius
Thomas T Woodruff
William W Mott

Whereupon the Report and Resolution as amended were Adopted. Mr Engs gave notice of reconsideration at the next Meeting.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed [127] and Assessors appointed thereto.

For paving Side walks of Clinton street from Stanton to North street and John Targee Abraham Quick and John Harris were appointed Assessors.

For re-paving William street from Duane to Frankfort street and

Shivers Parker Thomas R Smith and Samuel Gilford were appointed Assessors.

For paving Avenue B from North street to Second street and Abraham Bloodgood, Cornelius J Roosevelt & Pine Hopkins were appointed Assessors.

For paving Side walks of parts of North, Second, and Cannon streets and David Lyon Charles Dusenbury & David Marsh Jr appointed Assessors.

For paving Side walks of Christopher street from Greenwich Lane to Washington street and Gideon Tucker, Everardus Warner & Gabriel Van Cotts were appointed Assessors

For re-paving the Carriage way on the Easterly side of Coenties Slip and John Lozier Abraham Baudoine & Jacob S Baker were appointed Assessors

[128] For regulating Eighth street from Avenue D to Lewis street and James Fairlie Peter Stagg & Abraham Lefoy were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well & Pump in Morton street together with objections thereto, Which were read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Vizt

For paving Side walks in North street between First Avenue & Cannon street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For paving the Side walks in Thompson street between Prince and Houston street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector

For regulating the Seventh Avenue between Greenwich Lane and 21st Street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For paving thirteenth street from the 3d to the 5th Avenue and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

[129] For Re-paving Mott street from Bayard street to Walker street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

The Comptroller presented the following Cash Account

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| Balance as per Account 6th Inst | 8.42 |
| Recd for Commutation Alien Passengers | 2947. |
| " " Rents | 2743.01 |
| " " Streets | 2432.84 |
| " " Street Manure for August | 2704.80 |
| " " Tavren Licences | 1080. |
| " " Tax of 1829 | 1078.30 |
| " " Justices Courts | 536.26 |
| " " Fines of Attorney | 345.02 |

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| Recd for Wells & Pumps | 164.10 |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 97. |
| " " Dist Attorneys fees | 127.14 |
| " " Intestate Estates | 17.79 |
| Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 23d August on Acct | 8000. |
| | $22.281.68 |

36 Accounts audited and directed to be paid

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| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st Dist | $1386. |
| Asten & Field do 2d Dist | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring Do 3d Dist | 945. |
| Wm S Smith Collector City Revenue 1 Qr 22d Inst & Charges | 306. |
| U Wenman Chief Engineer 1 Qr 8th Inst | 200. |
| A B Martling Keeper City Hall to purchase Coal ordrd 6 Sept | 550. |
| [130] Jonah Tilley & Son sundries for City Hall | 159. |
| J Morton Clerk C C for Hack & postage Accts | 126.04 |
| Abm Leggett Super Mud Scow 2 weeks to 19th Inst | 148.34 |
| R Brant builds Engine House No 33 in Governeur St | 480.25 |
| F Hall & Co Subscription to Commercial [Advertizer] 6 Mo 10 Sept | 50. |
| T Cumming pav & reg Barrow, West, Commerce [&] Barrow Hammond Sts 6th Avenue 19th & 20th Sts orderd 6 Sept | 3186. |
| S. Parker & Associates Comrs fees &c opens Assylum St from Chistopher St to 6 Avenue | 628. |
| R Emmet Attys Costs & Charges Do Do | 483.68 |
| A Bloodgood & Associates Comrs fees &c Opening 10th Avenue from 14th to 28th Street | 515.19 |
| R Emmet Attorys Costs & charges Do Do | 299.10 |
| T Cumming bal pavs Burton St fm Bedford St to Church line | 356.73 |
| R Pettigrew bal pavs side walks Bowery between 4th & 13th Street | 246.42 |
| P. Smith Act repavs Mulberry between Cross & Walker Streets | 100. |
| R Graves St Comr Act working 8th Avenue from 93d to 111th St | 1000. |
| R Graves do Act Repairs Roads | 500. |
| R Graves do Act repairing Bridge on Harlem River | 100. |
| P McBarron repairs Intersections & accepted Streets 11th Ward | 304.13 |
| P. Smith repairs pavements at James Slip | 81.27 |
| Jas Rile cleaning Pier No 18 E river Corporation half | 8.91 |
| J McBarron for a Well in William near Cedar St | 31.50 |
| J McBarron bal for Well 8th Avenue near 19th St | 25. |
| J. M Bloodgood Superdt Streets Expences 1 Mo to 1 Sept. | 2377.89 |
| Schureman & Coutant repairs to Stable 86th St by R Comte | 150.32 |

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| [131] A Burtis Super Alms House for working Convicts 86th St balance | | 777.57 | |
| Jacob P Roome Super Repairs for Fire Dept | | 1000. | |
| J. P Roome | " for Repairs | 517. | |
| J. P. Roome | " for Markets | 500. | |
| J. P. Roome | " for Pumps | 450. | |
| John S Hardenbrook sunday service 9th Ward 17 days to 31st July | | 25.50 | |
| A Burtis Superdt Alms House for Alms House | | 3000. | 22.008.84 |
| | Balance | | $272.84 |

Board Adjourned to Monday the 4th day of October at 5 OClock P M.

[132] Special Meeting In Common Council Septemr 29. 1830

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|
| Peter J Nevius | James I Roosevelt Junr |
| William W Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| Isaac Brown | William Mandeville |
| George D Strong | David Bryson |
| William Seaman | Henry Arcularius |
| James N Wells | William Scott |
| Bernard J Meserole | John Rogers |
| David Marsh | Thomas Jeremiah |
| James Palmer | Fyler Dibblee |
| Thomas T Woodruff | Peter Cooper |
| | John Lovett |

The reading of the Minutes of the last Meeting was dispensed with.

The Mayor stated that he had called this Meeting at the written request of a number of Members. Alderman Mott presented a Resotion directing the Old Jail to be [133] pulled down—Considerable debate arose thereon when Alderman Palmer called for the previous question

The Mayor put the Question, shall the main question be now put which was carried in the Affirmative—A Motion was made to adjourn A Division was called when the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Ald Seaman Wells Meserole Woodruff Mr Bryson Scott Beadle Rogers Jeremiah Cooper Lovett 11.

In the Negative. Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Mott Strong Marsh Palmer Mr Roosevelt Seymour Mandeville Arcularius Dibble 11.

There being a Tie the Mayor voted in the Affirmative, and the Board was accordingly adjourned.

[134] In Common Council October 4. 1830

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder.

| Aldermen | Assistants |
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| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| William W Mott | William Mandeville |
| Samuel Stevens | David Bryson |
| Isaac Brown | Henry Arcularius |
| Anthony Lamb | William Scott |
| George D Strong | Joseph W Beadle |
| William Seaman | John Rogers |
| Benjamin M Brown | Thomas Jeremiah |
| James N Wells | Fyler Dibblee |
| Bernard J Meserole | Peter Cooper |
| David Marsh | John Lovett |
| Gideon Lee | Philip W Engs |
| James Palmer | |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last Meetings were read and approved.

After reading the Cash account and Accounts audited by the Comptroller, The [135] Mayor put the Question, shall an appropriation be now made for payment of the said Accounts.

Debates arose thereon when Alderman Mott moved that the appropriation be now made

A Motion was made to lay the same on the table which was lost— The Question was then taken on Alderman Motts motion, and was carried in the Affirmative. A Division having been called the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Mott Lamb Seaman B M Brown Wells Meserole Palmer Woodruff Mr Seymour Bryson Arcularius Scott Beadle Rogers Jeremiah Cooper Lovett Engs 20

In the Negative Ald Stevens I Brown Strong Marsh Lee Mr Mandeville Dibblee 7

The Accounts were then passed and Warrants directed to be issued for the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 13th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump at the corner of Broome & Willett streets presented the [136] following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 13th Ward and the Street Commissioner on a Petition for a Well & Pump on one of the corners of Broome & Willett streets respectfully Report

That a Well & Pump is necessary for the convenience of Residents in that vicinity and recommend that a Well be dug and a Pump placed therein on the North West corner of Broome & Willett streets.

James Palmer
John Lovett
R Graves

Which was approved.

Mr Dibblee presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

Resolved that an extra and sufficient Watch under the direction of the Watch Committee be stationed in this Hall by Night whose duty it shall be to guard this Building and the Offices and Records therein from the Hazard of Fire.

Alderman I Brown presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

[137] Resolved that the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips be requested to enquire and Report the propriety of extending the Pier at the foot of Oliver street.

Mr Mandeville presented the following Resolution which was read and Adopted.

Resolved that there be appropriated and the Comptroller is hereby directed to issue his Warrant in favor of John M Bloodgood for $500, to pay for sweeping the Public grounds.

Alderman Wells presented the following Resolution.

Resolved that the sum of $200, be appropriated for making the alterations in the late Bridewell for the accommodation of the Sheriff under the direction of the Committee of Public Offices and Repairs.

Considerable debates arose thereon when the previous question was called by Alderman Palmer and was carried in the Affirmative—A Division having been called the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius [138] I Brown Lamb B M Brown Wells Meserole Palmer Woodruff Mr Bryson Scott Beadle Rogers Dibble Lovett Engs 16

In the Negative Ald Mott Stevens Strong Seaman Marsh Lee Mr Seymour Mandeville Arcularius Cooper 10

The Question was then taken on the Resolution and was carried in the Affirmative—A Division having been called and Alderman Wells having at his own request been excused from voting the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative. Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Mott Stevens I Brown Lamb Seaman B M Brown Meserole Lee Palmer Woodruff

Mr Seymour Mandeville Bryson Arcularius Scott Beadle Rogers [139] Cooper Lovett Engs 22

In the Negative Ald Strong Marsh Mr Dibblee 3

Alderman Wells presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Repairs to Report the probable Cost for cleansing and painting such parts of the inside of the City Hall as require it.

Mr Recorder presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committees on Public Offices and Repairs

Resolved that the Committees on Public Offices and Repairs be authorised to prepare suitable apartments in the Westerly end of the Old Alms House for the holding of the criminal Courts of the City, and for the accommodation of the Grand and Petit Jurors, the District Attorney, the Clerk of the said Courts, The Police Office and others connected with the same, and that the sum of Two thousand dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

[140] Alderman Wells presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Lands & Places and Repairs.

Resolved that the Park fronting on Chamber street be enclosed with an Iron fence under the direction of the Committee on Lands & Places.

Alderman Wells presented the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Commissioners of the Alms House be directed to procure a Carriage, and to make such other arrangements as may be necessary for the safe conveyance of prisoners to and from the City Hall & Bridewell and that $600, be appropriated for that purpose.

Debates arose thereon when the previous question was called and sustained—The question was then taken on the Resolution and carried in the Affirmative—It was moved that powers be given to the Commissioners of the Alms House, which was also carried in the Affirmative.

Alderman Strong gave notice of Reconsideration at the next Meeting of the Board

[141] The Resolution presented by Alderman Mott at the last Meeting upon which the question was not taken in consequence of a vote for adjournment having been carried was read in the words following

"Resolved that the Committee of Jail & Bridewell be and they

are hereby instructed to take measures to have the late Jail forthwith demolished."

The previous question having at the last Meeting been sustained, the Question was taken on the Resolution without debate, and a Division being called the Members voted as follows

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Stevens Strong Marsh Mr Seymour Arcularius Dibblee 8

In the Negative Ald Seaman B M Brown Wells Meserole Lee Palmer Woodruff Mr Mandeville Bryson Scott Beadle Rogers Cooper Lovett Engs 15

So it passed in the Negative.

[142] Alderman Palmer agreeably to notice given moved to Reconsider the Resolution proposed by him at the last regular Meeting which was agreed to—Alderman Palmer stated that the amendments made to it, so altered the Resolution that he was in that shape opposed to it—A motion was made to lay the Resolution on the Table which was carried in the Affirmative.

An Invitation was received from the Executive Committee of the American Institute to attend the Annual Fair on the 14th Inst and also the Oration to be delivered on the Evening of the 14th Inst at Masonic Hall, was read Accepted an ordered on file.

Mr Recorder presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to a Special Committee

Resolved that the 18th Section of the New Charter, be referred to a select Committee, to Report to the Common Council the best and most judicious means of carrying into effect, the true intent and meaning of the provisions contained in the said Section—His Honor the Mayor appointed on that Committee Alderman Stevens [143] Mr Recorder Ald I Brown Seaman Lee

And on Motion it was Resolved that the Law Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

A Petition of George Hoyt for permission to transfer Stall No 51 Fulton Market to Joseph B Smith was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Communication was received from a Committee of the New York Sugar refining Company relative to disposing of the Buildings and Ground belonging to the said Company for a Jail & Bridewell was read and referred to the Committee on Jail & Bridewell.

A Communication was received from Peter Embury relative to the Assessment for opening Ann street was read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of Robert Pettigrew for Balance due him on Account

filling 5th Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee with power.

[144] A Petition of John J Westervelt and a number of others owners of property in the vicinity of Canal and Hoboken streets praying to have Hoboken street widened Thirty feet was read and referred to the Street and Finance Committees.

A Petition of a number of persons praying for the repeal of the Law relative to the sale of Hay and Straw from Wagons was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Remonstrance of William W Holly & others against regulating the Bowery Road between 13th and 16th Streets this Season was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of a Committee of Fire Wardens praying to have the time of Firemen necessary to be eligible as Fire Wardens reduced was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Moses Coddington & others to have Fire Engine [House] No 1 placed on a line on Caroline street was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

[145] A Petition of William W Lyon to be appointed a Weigher & Inspector of Anthracite Coal was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of William S Clark to be appointed Weigher of Hay at Tompkins Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of William H Leary & also of Henry F Myers for the Office of Measurer of Grain was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of James Duff & others to have Side walks paved in Suffolk street between Rivington & Stanton street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Fargay for balances due him for paving 2d Avenue & 2d Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of James J Titus to have Stall No 57 Fulton Market transferred to Elbert Conklin was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[146] A Petition of John M Bletsoe, also of Benjamin Hempsted to be relieved from an erroneous Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Joseph F White to be relieved from the payment of a Fine for incumbering the side walks in front of his premises was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Ann Warner for permission to alter the Steps of the

Stoop of her house, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Thomas R Mercein & others to have McDougal street paved from 6th to 8th Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Stuart Mollarn & others owners and Occupants of property in Franklin street between Broadway & Church streets to have the same repaved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[147] A Memorial of a Committee of the New York Institute to be permitted to use the large Room in the West end of the New York Institution on the Evening of the 14th Instant for the purpose of delivering an Address connected with the objects of said Institution, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices & Repairs with powers.

A Remonstrance of a number of persons against building an Engine House at the intersection of Hudson Chapel & Reed streets was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department; And the Report of the Committee on the Fire Department on that subject, made at the last Meeting, and laid on the Table, was called up and referred back to the same Committee.

A Memorial of Nathaniel C Griffith praying for extension of time to fill in and repave the foot of Hammond street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Burling to postpone the opening of 5th Avenue from 13th to 21st Street until 1st May next was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[148] A Petition of Samuel St John & others to have Maiden Lane & William street lighted with Gas, was read and referred to the Gas Committee.

A Petition of Andrew McCready to be appointed Keeper of the Battery or to fill some other Office under the Board was read and referred to the Committee on Lands & Places

A Petition of Patrick Ryan Hastings to have a Fine remitted for keeping a Dog, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Elizabeth Latimer for payment of work done by her husband now Deceased on the 10th Avenue in 1824 was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of James Gillender for a Well & Pump at the corner of Broadway & 15th Street was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 12th Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of the Trustees of the African Church praying for the opening of a way, by which they may be enabled to have [149] access to their burying Ground situate on 86th Street between the 7th & 8th Avenues, was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Robert Emmet to have an Office assigned for his use in the Old Alms House (as Counsel of the Board) was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices and Repairs.

A Petition of Thomas Walton & others to have Fire Engine Company N° 37 located at Essex Market, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen which was read the Resignations accepted and appointments made.

Fire Engine C°

N° 1

Daniel M Phillips—Marble Cutter Cor Harrison & Staple Sts
To fill the Company

N° 3

Simon West Saddler 38 Eldridge St To fill the Company

[150] N° 12

William Haggerty Upholsterer Chatham Cor Pearl
Vc Henry Brown—Resigned

James Tillison Artist 16 William St
Vc Edward Blanchard Resigned

Sidney B Hatfield } Resigned
Stewart Haynes }
James Shiells—Expelled

N° 13

Edward H Miller—Accountant Cor Franklin Square & Cherry St
Vc Thomas M Beare Resigned

James M Holmes—Merchant 65 James St
Vc Washington Van Wyck Resigned

Edward McPherson—Book binder Cor Oak & James St
Vc Stephen D Thorne—Resigned

N° 16

Henry B Greenwood
Jared Williams
Richard H Penoyer

Thomas Duffy
Samuel Cox &
———— Resigned

N° 17

James Chapple—Rigger 30 Oak street To fill Company.

N° 18

Samuel J Gilespie—Mason N° 6 6th Avenue To fill the Company

N° 24.

George Streight—Blacksmith 81 Wooster St
V^c Henry Goitches—Resigned

[151] N° 27

William N Thison—Joiner Cor Canal & Wooster St
V^c Irvine McBride Resigned

N° 28.

Charles Copping—Shoemaker Lispenard St
V^c C Norwood—Resigned

N° 29

Francis Mallie—Stone Cutter 212 Canal St To fill Company

N° 37 [31]

Charles Landers Baker 45 Leonard St V^c R Ainslie—Resigned

[N° 37]

[James Lawrence—Mason Rivington St
V^c Samuel Conwell—time expired]
Richard Warn—North St V^c William Jarvis—Resigned

N° 41.

Robert Bennet Caulker 100 Clinton V^c To fill Company.

Fire Hose C°

N° 1

Baxter Howe Grocer 194 Water St
V^c Samuel B Coombs—Time Expired

Hook & Ladder C°

N° 2

Thomas J Haynes Hatter—18 Howard Street
Henry Haynes 195 Green Street
John Wilson Saddler—131 Bowery
} To fill Company

[152] N° 4

John Neil Rigger C^or^ Broome & Orchard S^t^

V^e^ Joshua Sawyer—Resigned

William S Barton—Carpenter Ludlow S^t^ V^e^ George Reed—Resigned

Alderman Stevens stated that it was proper that at this Meeting the Inspectors for the ensuing Annual Election should be appointed, and he moved that the Board now go into the appointment which was agreed to. It was also agreed that the Inspectors should be nominated by the Alderman and Assistant of the respective Wards—The Inspectors of the 1^st^ & 2^d^ Wards were nominated by the Alderman & Assistant of the said Wards and were appointed The Alderman & Assistant of the 3^d^ Ward nominated William H Ireland, George Hodgson & Abraham B Rich [as Inspectors—A motion was made by Ald Seaman that the Inspectors be appointed by Ballot—this was of course done & W^m^ H Ireland, George Hodgson & Abraham B Rich] were appointed—The Aldermen & Assistants of the 4^th^ 5^th^ 6^th^ 7^th^ 8^th^ 9^th^ 10^th^ 11^th^ 12^th^ & 13^th^ Ward nominated the Inspectors for their respective Wards and they were appointed. The Alderman of the 14^th^ Ward nominated as Inspectors Charles Dusenbury William C Whales & Smith Ovutt—The Assistant of the ward nominated Smith Ovutt, Andrew Jackson &

The Board proceeded to Ballot when Charles Dusenbury, William C Whales & Smith Ovutt [153] had a Majority of votes and *was* [were] declared duly Elected. The following are the Inspectors who were appointed

| | |
|---|---|
| 1^st^ Ward | 2^d^ Ward |
| Jeremiah Manning | Samuel Gilford Jun^r^ |
| James Boyd Jun^r^ | John W Timpson |
| Elisha Tibbets | William Colgate |
| 3^d^ Ward | 4^th^ W |
| William H Ireland | Joseph N Lord |
| George Hodgson | George E Smith |
| Abraham B Rich | George Everson |
| 5^th^ Ward | 6^th^ Ward |
| Robert M Russell | Thomas Whaley |
| William Westervelt | Nicholas C Everitt |
| John B Schmelzel | Clarkson Crolius Sen^r^ |
| 7^th^ | 8^th^ |
| Abraham Dally | Stuart F Randolph |
| Thompson Price | Anthony Haff |
| Josiah Mann | William W Cowan |
| 9^th^ | 10^th^ |
| Thomas Morris | John Lane |
| Richard B Fosdick | Alexander Ming |
| Abraham P Maby | William H Peck |

| 11th | 12th |
|---|---|
| Thomas Valentine | Isaac Dyckman |
| George Sibell | Andrew McGowan |
| Jacob Acker | James Flanagan |
| [154] 13th Ward | 14th Ward |
| Peter Ogilvie Junr | Charles Dusenberry |
| Alexander Stewart | William C Whales |
| Isaac B Merritt | Smith Ovutt |

The Comptroller presented the following Cash account.

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| Balance as per Account 20th Septr | $272.84 |
| Recd for Streets | 4192.38 |
| " " Street Manure for Sept | 2698.75 |
| " " Rents | 772.32 |
| " " Commutation Alien Passengers | 733. |
| " " Justices Courts | 324.51 |
| " " Superior Court fees | 223.50 |
| " " Wells & Pumps | 100. |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 45. |
| Loan of Mechanics Bank authorized 23d August bal | 17.300. |
| | $26.662.30 |

73 Accounts audited & directed to be paid

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|---|---|---|
| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st Dist | | 1386. |
| Asten & Field " 2d " | | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring " 3d " | | 945. |
| W Bowne Mayor Salary 1 Qr 2d Octr | | 750. |
| R Riker Recorder 1 Qr 1st " | | 375. |
| J Sidell First Marshall 1 Qr " | | 225. |
| Jacob Hays High Constable 1 Qr " | | 125. |
| Astin & Higbee Asst Keepers City Hall 1 Mo 1 Or | | 75. |
| [155] C Myers Keeper Pottersfield 1 Mo 1 Octr | | 67.50 |
| O Ayres Asst City Inspector " " | | 58.50 |
| J Coffin Do " " | | 58.50 |
| T Astin St Inspector 1st Ward " " | | 45. |
| T Woolcocks " 2d " " " | | 45. |
| J B Ebbetts " 3d " " " | | 45. |
| N B Lyon " 4th " " " | | 45. |
| I. A Isaacs " 5th " " " | | 45. |
| A Morris " 6th " " " | | 45. |
| F Gantz " 7th " " " | | 45. |
| Wm G Babb " 8th " " " | | 45. |
| H. B. Roome " 9th " " " | | 45. |
| T Austin " 10th " " " | | 45. |
| A Hatfield " 11th " " " | | 45. |
| E Kingsland " 12th " " " | | 45. |
| D Hubbard " 13th " " " | | 45. |
| P Field " 14th " " " | | 45. |

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| Manhattan Co Water for 3 Markets 1 May 1831 & Jail to 1 Nov 1830 | | | | | 237.50 |
| J Pinckney Asst Board of Health | | | 1 Mo | 1 Oct | 52. |
| A Parker | " | | " | " | 52. |
| J Coffin Asst City Inspect removs Nuisances | | | " | " | 56.90 |
| G Duryea | Clerk | Fulton Market & sweeper | " | " | 92.86 |
| L Baum | do | Washington Market | " | " | 80.67 |
| J Bremner | do | Catharine | " | " | 60. |
| J Gilbert | Do | Clinton & Greenwich | " | " | 58. |
| J M Devoy | Do | 3 Markets | " | " | 57.50 |
| [156] S Fleet | Do | Centre Market | " | " | 55.50 |
| R Smith | " | Franklin Market | " | " | 37.50 |
| Jas Seaman | " | Manhattan " | " | " | 30. |
| John Martine | " | Tompkins " | " | " | 30. |
| D. T. Valentine Marshal Marine Court | | | " | " | 32.50 |
| Abm Leggett Superdt Mud Scow 2 weeks to 3d Oct | | | | | 110.87 |
| Wm A Davis 25 Copies Laws of State relative to City | | | | | 25. |
| Owen Smith filling Lots Mulberry St Lien Henry Walton | | | | | 275.60 |
| J M Bloodgood Superdt Streets Expences 1 Mo 1 Oct | | | | | 2533.39 |
| G Snethen stopping Gas 7 Mo to 1 Oct | | | | | 227.21 |
| John Morrison work at Gas Lights | | | | | 62.25 |
| Wm H Hoyt repairs Gas Lamps | | | | | 30.62 |
| Saml Judd 33 Casks Oil | | | | | 1760.76 |
| Saml Judd Lamp Glasses & Wicks | | | | | 13.18 |
| G Snethen lights Lamps 1 Mo 1 Oct | | | | | 1376.20 |
| G Snethen Super Lamps Salary 1 Qr 1 Oct | | | | | 187.50 |
| R Provoost paints & Repairs Lamps & Gas lights 1 Mo 1 Oct | | | | | 57.49 |
| J Oothout Treas Bank for Savings Interest on $300,000 1 Qr 1 Oct | | | | | 3750. |
| A Burtis Super Alms House & Clerk Salary 1 Qr 1 Oct | | | | | 525. |
| J. O Woodruff Keeper Penitentiary & 2 Assts | | | " | " | 500. |
| J Wood Physician Bellevue | | | " | " | 375. |
| A Kirkland agent for S Budd Return Costs on House & Lot Spring St sale of Taxes 23d Sept 1829 | | | | | 7. |
| P. Smith bal reg Avenue C from 2d to 5th St ordered 20 Sept | | | | | 2802.96 |
| Chris Keyes Act reg 7th St fm 1st Avenue to Avenue A | | | | | 500. |
| S Fargay Act repavs Hester fm Norfolk to Suffolk St & Suffolk fm Division to Hester St | | | | | 200. |
| [157] P Smith Act repavs Mulberry St fm Cross to Walker St | | | | | 100. |
| R Pettigrew bal reg & pavs Goerck fm Delancy to Rivington St | | | | | 100.45 |
| Danl Ewen Surveys &c 1 Qr 1 Oct | | | | | 319.56 |
| J. F Bridges | Do | " " | | | 215.91 |
| Isaac T Ludlum | Do | " " | | | 177.43 |
| Geo: B Smith | Do | " " | | | 45. |
| E W Bridges | Do | 9 Months " | | | 42.44 |

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| Jas Pinkerton flagging & paving at Washington Market.... | 1488.46 | |
| P. McBarron repairs pavement at Broome St Slip..... | 222.85 | |
| P. Smith repairs Intersections & Accepted Sts 7 Ward.... | 129.63 | |
| P McGlinn for Well McDougal near 6th Street removed... | 31. | |
| J McBarron bal for Well North near Willett St..... | 9. | |
| R Graves St Comnr Actt fitting up Old Alms House appropriated 31 May..... | 1000. | |
| J Colvill Coroner 1 Qur 1 October..... | 759.02 | 26.583.21 |
| | | $79.09 |

The Board then Adjourned to Monday next the 11th Instant at 5 OClock P M.

[158] In Common Council October 11th 1830

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder.

| Aldermen | Assistants |
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| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| William W Mott | William Mandeville |
| Samuel Stevens | Isaac Brown |
| Isaac Brown | Henry Arcularius |
| Anthony Lamb | Joseph W Beadle |
| George D Strong | John Rogers |
| William Seaman | Thomas Jeremiah |
| Benjamin M Brown | Fyler Dibblee |
| James N Wells | Peter Cooper |
| Bernard J Meserole | John Lovett |
| Gideon Lee | Philip W Engs |
| James Palmer | |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The unfinished business of the last Meeting was now taken up

[159] The Street Commissioner presented the following Return of Delinquents which were read and Warrants ordered to be issued to the Collectors thereof. Vizt

For an Assessment to pave Weehawken street from Christopher to Amos street.

For building Public Cisterns corner of Bleecker & Amos streets. Warrant to issue to Thomas Cottrell the Collector thereof.

Also for an Assessment for regulating the 9th Avenue from 16th to 18th Street.

For laying Side walks in Centre street between Franklin & White streets.

For widening Jacob street between Frankfort and Ferry streets.

For laying side walks in Mott street between Prince and Bleecker streets

For laying side walks in Mulberry street between Prince and Houston streets. Warrants to issue to John Hanmer the Collector thereof.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were Confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Viz[t]

For repaving Nassau street from Beekman to Spruce street & Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

[160] For repaving South street from old Slip to Coenties Slip & Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For paving Seventh street between the 2[d] & 3[d] Avenue & Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For paving Sixth street between the 2[d] & 3[d] Avenue and John Hanmer appointed Collector

For paving Side walks of Norfolk street between Rivington and North street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For paving Burton street between Bedford and Bleecker street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

He also presented an Assessment for Bulkhead at James Slip, together with objections to the confirmation which were referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Hester street re-paved between the Bowery and Norfolk street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was [161] referred the Petition to have Hester street re-paved between the Bowery and Norfolk street Respectfully

Report.

That the pavement of that Street is much broken and in their opinion ought to be repaved, And accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that Hester Street be repaved and the side walks re-laid from the Bowery to Norfolk street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
John Lovett
George D Strong
William Scott.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the Bloomingdale Road paved to 21st Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee respectfully Report on the annexed Petition to have the Bloomingdale road paved to 21st Street

That inasmuch as that way and Road has been recently dug out and regulated and the present surface is composed of Clay and loom, it will be rendered impassible during the ensuing [162] season unless it is covered with a suitable layer of gravel or sand. Your Committee are therefore of the opinion that inasmuch as it is one of most frequented Avenues to this City the anticipated evil ought to be prevented, in order to which, they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that so much of the Bloomingdale road as lies between the 13th & 21st Streets be gravelled and paved that the setting of the Curb stone and Gravelling of the Carriage way and side walks be done the present season, and the paving of the Carriage way be postponed until the next ensuing summer

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
John Lovett
George D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Law Committee to whom was referred the case of Patrick McPake the judgment against him having been reversed by the Superior Court presented the following Report

The Law Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Attorney to the Board in [163] relation to the case of Patrick McPake

Respectfully Report.

That the Judgment recovered by the Corporation in the year 1829 against McPake for a violation of one of the Corporation Ordinances was in June last reversed by the Superior Court upon Certiorari. That the Costs thereon have been regularly Taxed at $83.94 for which amount judgment has been rendered, payment of which amount is therefore unavoidable.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller issue his Warrant in favor of

William Mulock the Attorney of Patrick McPake for the said sum of $83 $^{9}/_{100}$ in satisfaction of said judgment

Samuel Stevens
Fyler Dibblee
G Lee
W Seaman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Resolvent Stephens for compensation for extra services as Clerk of Police Office presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom [164] was referred the Petition of Resolvent Stephens Clerk of the Police Office for compensation for extra services Respectfully Report.

That Jacob Townsend the former Assistant Clerk of the Police Office died on or about the 25th of July last, and that the vacancy occasioned by his death was not filled until the 7th of September, when Mr Hicks the present Deputy Clerk was appointed; during that Interval the duties of that Office were performed by Mr Stephens, and his present application is for the amount of compensation which Mr Townsend would have received for such period had he lived. The Committee have ascertained that the said duties were faithfully performed by Mr Stephens, and that in order to accomplish this extra service, he was obliged to labour during the evenings and at other times not usually appropriated to business. It was absolutely necessary that this duty should be done by some one, and the Committee have no hesitation in saying that Mr Stephens is justly entitled to receive the compensation which he has thus earned. They offer the following Resolution therefore. Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of Resolvent Stephens for Ninety three Dollars $^{82}/_{100}$ for his extra services in performing the duties of Assistant Clerk of the [165] Police Office from the 25th of July to the 7th of September 1830.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
Peter J Nevius
William W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted. A Division having been called the Members voted as follows

In the Affirmative Ald Nevius Mott Lamb Strong Seaman B M Brown Wells Meserole Lee Palmer Woodruff Mr Seymour Mandeville

Bryson Arcularius Scott Beadel Rogers Jeremiah Dibblee Cooper Lovett 22

In the Negative Ald Stevens I Brown 2.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Holmes Hawley & C° & others relative to the Corporation taking the East side of India Wharf for Public use presented a Report which was read Laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

[166] The Street Committee & City Inspector to whom was referred the Remonstrance against fencing certain Lots lying between Stanton & North Streets and Clinton and Attorney streets presented the following Report against the same.

The Street Committee and City Inspector to whom was referred the annexed Remonstrance against the fencing certain Vacant Lots in the 11th Ward lying between Stanton & North streets and Clinton and Attorney streets Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion there are no good reasons offered why the existing Nuisance on those Lots should not be abated by having them fenced in. And accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
John Lovett
George D Strong
William Scott
I Warren City Inspector

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

An Ordinance was presented read and passed against injuring any of the Hydrants [167] belonging to the Corporation Water works &c under the Title of " A Law to prevent injury to the Hydrants or other parts of the Water Works belonging to the Corporation.

Mr Seymour presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that Ann street recently widened between Broadway and Nassau street be regulated and paved, and that the Street Commissioner prepare the draft of an Ordinance therefor, and have the same carried into effect.

Alderman Meserole presented the following Resolution which was read and adopted.

Resolved that an appropriation of Three hundred Dollars be made

in favor of the Ferry Committee to Repair the Pier at Hell Gate Ferry

A Communication was received from Rev[d] J M Mathews & J M Wainwright; Albert Gallatin & J Delafield Esquires a Committee from the University in this City stating that the University considering that a Meeting of Literary and Scientific Gentlemen from various parts of the Union to confer on the general interest of Letters and liberal Education would be attended with happy results, they had therefore with that view invited [168] such a Meeting to be held in this City on the 20[th] Instant, and they requested of the Corporation one of the Rooms under their control for said Meeting; they also requested the Members of the Common Council would favor them with their presence, and with such views as they may please to lay before them. The same being read it was Resolved that the Common Council Chamber the Sessions Room or the Rotunda at the option of the Applicants be assigned to them for that purpose.

A Communication was received from James Mease of Philadelphia on the subject of establishing an Institution for loaning money temporarily to Individuals, and abolishing the System of Pawnbrokers —The Institution to be under the direction of the Corporation, and the profits arising from such Loans to accrue to the Public which was referred to the Special Committee on Pauperism.

A Petition of Daniel Fisher for the appointment of Superintendent of the Astronomical Apparatus on the City Hall was read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of Laurent Salles for [169] Reduction of Tax on personal property in the 5[th] Ward was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

An Invitation was received to attend the funeral of Mayor James Fairlie on Tuesday the 12[th] Instant at 3½ OClock, which was Accepted, and on Motion Resolved that the Board meet in the Mayors Office and attend the Funeral with the Staves of Office.

The Comptroller presented the following Report on the subject of Collectors for the 12[th] & 13[th] Wards

The Comptroller respectfully informs the Common Council, that the Assessment Books have been delivered to the respective Collectors except the 12[th] and 13[th] Wards. It is understood that in consequence of the failure in electing a Collector for the 12[th] Ward at the last Annual Election a vacancy occurs in that Office, which the Board will no doubt remedy in the regular mode prescribed by Law.

The Collector of the 13th Ward was duly notified on the 25th day of September last that the Assessment Book of his Ward was ready for delivery, and he was requested to give a Bond within the time prescribed by Law. He has not come forward in conformity with the Notice, and as it is proper that the Tax should be collected as early as possible [170] The Common Council are informed of the circumstances that such measures may be adopted as their wisdom may judge proper

Respectfully submitted

G. N Bleecker Compt[r]

Whereupon Alderman Stevens presented the following.

Whereas Henry Mead lately appointed Collector of the Thirteenth Ward not having given the Security required by Law

Resolved that the Office of Collector of the thirteenth Ward be and the same is hereby declared to be vacant.

Which was adopted.

The Law Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Collector of the 12th Ward presented the following Report accompanied with an Ordinance which was amended by inserting a direction for an Election in the 13th Ward.

The Law Committee to whom the subject of the appointment of a Collector for the 12th Ward was referred—Report.

That it appearing that the two highest Candidates for the Office of Collector for the 12th Ward had an equal number of votes, the Board applied to the Legislature for an Act to authorise an Election to fill the vacancy growing out of this circumstance. The Legislature passed an Act on [171] the 19th of April 1830 enabling the Corporation to order such Election. In Conformity thereto your Committee offer the accompanying Ordinance for holding an Election for a Collector for the 12th Ward

All which is respectfully submitted

Samuel Stevens
G Lee
Fyler Dibblee
W Seaman

Which was approved and Ordinance passed under the title of "A Law to hold Special Elections for Collectors in the 12th & 13th Wards."

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the communication from the Chief Engineer reporting the Members of Engine N° 21 for neglect of duty, presented a Report which was read

Laid on the Table and ordered to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto Viz[t]

For repaving Ann street from Broadway to Nassau street and Abraham Dally, Samuel Purdy and Peter Ogilvie were appointed Assessors.

[172] For paving Bloomingdale Road from 13[th] to 21[st] Street and David Lyon, Charles Dusenberry & David Marsh J[r] were appointed Assessors.

For a Well & Pump in Willet street near Broome street and John Slidell, Reuben Munson & Jedediah B Leister were appointed Assessors.

For repaving Hester street from the Bowery to Norfolk street and John Leonard Alpheus Sherman, and Cornelius Harsen were appointed Assessors.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8[th] Ward named John T Banta as Inspector of Election in said Ward in the place of Anthony Haff resigned, which was approved and he was accordingly appointed.

A Petition from James Smith for further time to pay Assessments on property of Andrew Smith now advertised for Sale on the 17[th] November next was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[173] A Petition of Nicholas Stripple and others to have 3[d] Avenue opened from 13[th] to 21[st] Street was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Jeremiah Buskirk to be appointed Weigher of Hay at Tompkins Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of James Lyon to be relieved from the payment of a fine for not filling up sunken Lots on 5[th] Avenue was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Allen Smith also of Henry Osborne to be appointed weigher & Inspector of Coal were read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of the Members of Hose Company N° 1 for an increase of Men was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of James L Reeves and William Reeves for exchange of Stalls was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[174] A Petition of Nathaniel Gibson for the remittance of a fine for Keeping a Dog was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Representation by Affidavit of Robert Halliday Executor of

Margaret Douglass deceased complaining of undue Assessments of personal Tax on the Estate of said Mary Douglass was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of sundry persons praying that a Cast Iron pump may be erected at the corner of Bayard and Christie street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Nathaniel Underhill and others in the neighborhood of 8th Avenue and 37th Street to have the water course running through their Lots turned into some new Channel was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Charles Feitner & others for a Well & Pump near the junction of 8th Avenue and 16th Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

[175] A Petition of Robert Wilson and others purchasers of property of the Executors of the late William Bayard deceased praying for the post-ponement of Sales of Lots for payment of the Street Assessments was referred to the Finance Committee.

Upon Motion of Mr Rogers Assistant of the 9th Ward George Lovett was appointed Inspector of Election for the 9th Ward in the place of Abraham P Maby resigned.

A Petition of Elizabeth Pearson to have a Balance of $17,7\%_{100}$ being the amount due to her late husbands estate paid in the City Treasury by the Public Administrator was referred to the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for correcting nuisances.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances Vizt

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| No | 1 | James Boggs | owner | |
| | 2. | N Rogers & others | " | |
| | 3. | Estt of T Rich Decd | " | |
| | 4. | Elizabeth Racey | " | |
| | 5. | Evert A Bancker | " | |
| | 6. | Do | " | |
| | 7. | James Sedgesberry | " | |
| | 8 | [176] J M Bletsoe | " | |
| | 9. | Cornelius Vandenburgh | " | |
| | 10. | Patrick Clark | " | |
| | 11. | Benjamin Hicks | " | |
| | 12. | Jacob Appley | " | |

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|---|---|---|
| No | 300 Hudson St | A Lot |
| | S E cor Barrow & Commerce St | Do |
| | S W cor Harman & Scammel | Do |
| | S E cor Broome & Columbia | Do |
| | Do | Do |
| | NW. Cor Harman & Gouverneur | Do |
| | E side of Thompson St | Stables |
| | 295 Hudson St | A Privy |
| | 15 Anthony St | " |
| | 190 Chrystie St | " |
| | 158 Eldridge St | " |
| | 156 Do | " |

I Warren City Inspector

Which were passed.

The City Inspector presented an Ordinance to fill in sunken Lots at the South Easterly corner of 12th Street & 7th Avenue at the Public Expence, and that a Lien be taken on the premises for such expence was read and passed.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen the resignations were accepted and Appointments made Viz[t]

Fire Engine

N° 9

Augustine Kimball Merchant 124 Nassau St
Robert Go[e]let Merchant 53 Broadway } To fill the Company

N° 42

Jacob R Pentz—Accountant Batavia St To fill the Company.

[177] N° 43

John Darkee—Baker Manhattanville
V[c] Samuel D Cortwright—Deceased

Fire Hose Company N° 1

Lemuel Crawford Grocer Cor Mott & Walker St
V[c] George S Marschalk—Time Expired
John C Morrison—Grocer 103 Greenwich St
V[c] Alfred Ashfield D°

Fire Hook & Ladder C°

N° 4

Charles Good—Baker Bayard St 71 To fill the Company

N° 6

Archibald Reid Grocer Cor Houston & Mott To fill the Company

M[r] Recorder presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Special Committee on Pauperism.

Resolved that it be referred to the Special Committee on Pauperism to examine and Report such revisions of the Laws on Pauperism as they may deem expedient and also to examine and Report such revisions of the Laws on Pauperism as they may deem expedient and also to examine and Report upon the suggestions contained in the late Report of the Commissioners [178] of the Alms House upon the practicability of improving our present system of poor Laws.

On Motion his Honor the Mayor appointed Mr Rogers Assistant of the 9th Ward on the Ferry Committee to supply the vacancy of Mr Roosevelt who is now absent in Europe.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 12th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in 15th Street near Bloomingdale Road presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 12th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Annexed petition for a Well and Pump in 15th Street near the Bloomingdale Road

Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion a Well & Pump is much required at that place, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a Pump erected therein in Fifteenth street near the Bloomingdale Road.

G Lee
Peter Cooper
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[179] The Committee on Lands & Places to whom was referred the Petition of Mary Wade for permission to Sell fruit &c in front of the Park presented the following Report against the same.

The Committee on Lands & Places to whom was referred the Petition of Mary Wade for permission to sell fruit &c in front of the Park

Respectfully Report

That having given the subject their attentive consideration, they are of opinion, that inasmuch as the Common Council have so recently ordered those nuisances to be removed, it would be inexpedient to grant that privilege to an Individual, They therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the Petition of Mary Wade for permission to sell Fruit &c in front of the Park.

James N Wells
Peter Cooper
William Mandeville
William W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the several Petitions for the Office of Measurer of Grain in the place of Benjamin Clark deceased presented the following Report in favor of appointing John Vredenbergh to said Office

[180] The Committee on Applications for Office to whom were referred the several applications for the Office of Measurer of Grain.

Respectfully Report.

That they have examined the several applications and have come to the conclusion to Report in favor of John Vredenbergh as a fit and proper person to fill said Office & respectfully submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that John Vredenburgh be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain in the place of Benjamin Clark Deceased.

Respectfully submitted

Bernard J Meserole
J Lovett
Peter J Nevius

Which was approved the Resolution adopted and John Vredenbergh was appointed to said Office.

A Communication was received from Samuel Lupton resigning the Office of Weigher of Anthracite Coal was read and Accepted.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions for the Office of Weigher of Anthracite Coal in the place of Samuel Lupton resigned presented the following [181] Report in favor of appointing John Van Bussum to said Office.

The Committee on Application for Office to whom was referred the Petitions for the Office of Weigher of Anthracite Coal in the place of Samuel Lupton Resigned Respectfully Report.

That they have examined the several applications and have come to the conclusion to recommend John Van Bussum for that Office and accordingly recommend the following Resolution.

Resolved that John Van Bussum be and he is hereby appointed an Inspector and Weigher of Anthracite Coal.

Respectfully submitted

Bernard J Meserole
John Lovett
Peter J Nevius

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted and John Van Bussum was appointed to said Office.

The Committee on Arts & Sciences to whom was referred the Petitions of B & S Demilt & Edmund Blunt to [be] appointed to the charge of the Observatory in this Hall presented the following Report in favor of B & S Demilt.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences to whom was referred the Petitions of B & S. Demilt and [182] Edmund Blunt praying to be appointed to the charge of the Observatory in this Hall, Beg leave to

Report.

That they have taken the subject into consideration and are of opinion that as Messrs B & S Demilt have been employed to furnish the Clocks, it will be but an Act of Justice to give them into their Charge for a sufficient time fully to prove the quality of the Instruments they have furnished.

We therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Messrs B & S Demilt be appointed to the charge of the transit Instrument together with the Astronomical and Turret Clock now making for this Hall to the first of January 1833

Peter Cooper
Thomas Jeremiah

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Burling to have the opening of 5th Avenue between 13th & 21st Streets further postponed presented the following Report against the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Burling to have the opening of the 5th Avenue between 13th & 21st Streets further postponed to the first day of May [183] next respectfully Report

That in the opinion of the Committee, the further delay to open that street would be attended with serious injury to the owners of property in that vicinity precluding some from having access to their residences and others from having the opportunity to fill their sunken grounds so often and so justly complained of as being the cause of much sickness in that neighborhood—They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient further to postpone the opening of the Fifth Avenue between 13th and 21st Streets.

Resolved that the Fifth Avenue be regulated from 13th to 21st Streets and that an Ordinance be passed accordingly.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
John Rogers

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have McDougal street paved from 6th to 8th Streets presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have McDougall street paved from 6th Street to 8th Street respectfully Report

[184] That in their opinion that part of McDougal street ought to be paved and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that McDougall street be regulated and paved from Sixth street to Eighth street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
George D Strong
John Rogers

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Side walks of Suffolk street paved between Rivington & Stanton streets presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the side walks of Suffolk street paved between Rivington and Stanton streets Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the Walks of that part of Suffolk street ought to be paved and therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Side walks of Suffolk street be paved between Rivington and Stanton street

Thomas T Woodruff
[185] John Lovett
George D Strong
John Rogers

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Edward Price for remuneration for excess of ground taken in widening Madison street presented the following Report against the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Edward Price for remuneration for excess of ground taken in the widening of Madison street respectfully Report.

That in their opinion it would be inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioner inasmuch as that the opening of that Street was duly confirmed by the Supreme Court in the year 1818, and all concerns settled in that year.

Mr Price the Petitioner was then, and is now the Owner of a Lot of Ground on that Street, and has recently discovered that, from some cause near four feet more of Ground, was taken from his front, than was allowed for by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment—The proceedings having been confirmed by the Court and Mr Price not objecting at the time—Your Committee think that he has no claims on this Corporation [186] And therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioner.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
George D Strong
John Rogers

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred to examine and Report their opinion as to the true construction of the 18th Section of the New Charter presented the following Report

The Special Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution directing them to examine and Report their opinion as to the true construction to be given to that Section of the New Charter (framed by a Convention of the People) which requires "that Annual and occasional appropriations shall be made by proper Ordinances of the Common Council for every branch and object of City expenditure."

Respectfully Report.

That they have given all the consideration, which the shortness of the time has enabled them to bestow on the subject, being one of high interest to the future well management of our Municipal concerns.

The Common Council has heretofore [187] in its practice not required the setting apart of its Revenues for the specific objects of City expenditure, But the proper construction of the New Charter does, in the opinion of your Committee, require that this should

now be done. That this opinion is in conformity to the true construction of the 18th Section is obvious, for the language is that by "proper Ordinances the appropriation shall be made for every branch of City Expenditure," not that an appropriation shall be made for the payment of Debts and liabilities incurred, but for objects of expenditure. And if this was not the case how idle would the provisions of the Charter be, which could be satisfied by putting the word appropriate before the word Pay in the Resolution, to take money out of the Treasury.

Having come to this conclusion Your Committee are of opinion that an Ordinance should be passed appropriating the estimated Amount which would be required for the usual City Expenditures, between the present and the time of the New Charter going into effect. Your Committee admit that all the advantages of appropriations for expenditures, cannot be had with the Board as now Organized, Yet your Committee hope, that no inconsiderable advantage will accrue, under the present organization by obliging the Committees of the Board, to make accurate estimates and requiring them to ask the Common Council [188] for specific appropriations for the many new and incidental expenditures of money which the Board will from time to time be called upon to grant.

And many expenditures will be avoided when the whole Cost is fully and fairly put before the Board at the time of their original discussion. But whether this advantage will at present certainly accrue or not, it is nevertheless the duty of the Board to comply with the positive requirements of the Statute.

In preparing the annexed Ordinance for the Common Council the Committee have called to their aid the Comptroller and other Officers of the Board and although the appropriations are not made in as specific a manner as would be desirable, and will leave many subjects for specific occasional appropriations; Yet something will be effected, and it will be laying the foundation of a System which experience and the division of the Common Council, and the organization of Departments, will mature into a more perfect system.

Your Committee by the Ordinance by no means intend that Committees should conclude that they are to make expenditures, because of these general appropriations, but rather that our p[r]actice should be

First. That the Board should meet all usual and common expences by a general appropriation [189] to the object.

Secondly. That the Board itself should pass on all new subjects of expenditure as well as on those not absolutely necessary for carrying into effect objects of expenditure which the Board had previously directed, And that the Act of the Board authorizing the work or undertaking should precede the expenditure.

Your Committee admit that there are small casual expences, particularly those embraced by Repairs, which cannot in every particular be called up and passed upon by the Board; yet it is desirable to increase the class of cases, which the Board are in the habit of acting on, and lessening those on which the Committees are in the practice of acting on as far as possible, and it is hoped our future practice may conform to these suggestions.

In conclusion Your Committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying Ordinance.

Samuel Stevens
G Lee
Isaac Brown

The same having been read considerable Debate arose thereon when on taking the Question on adopting the Report of the Committee the same was carried in the Affirmative, and a Division having been called the Members voted as follows.

[190] In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Mott Stevens I. Brown Strong B M Brown Wells Lee Palmer Woodruff Mr Seymour Mandeville Bryson Beadle Rogers Jeremiah Dibblee Cooper Lovett Engs 21

In the Negative Ald Seaman 1

The Ordinance accompanying the Report was passed under the title of "A Law making appropriations for City Expenditures."

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto Vizt

For regulating the 5th Avenue from 13st to 21st Street and Shivers Parker, Thomas R Smith [Samuel Gilford] were appointed Assessors.

For paving side walks of Suffolk street from Rivington to Stanton street and Abraham Bloodgood, Cornelius J Roosevelt & Pine Hopkins were appointed Assessors.

[191] For paving McDougal street from 6th to 8th Street and John Lozier, Abraham Baudoine & Jacob S Baker were appointed Assessors.

For a Well & Pump in 15th Street near Bloomingdale Road and Gideon Tucker, Everardus Warner and Gabriel Van Cotts were appointed Assessors.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Patrick Lamb to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax presented the following Report against the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Patrick Lamb to be relieved from an erroneous Tax Respectfully

Report

That it appeared by the statement of Mr Lamb that the Tax from which he wished to be relieved was for the year 1829 and as the Collectors Books have been returned the Committee are of the opinion that the Board cannot grant the desired relief—They offer the following Resolution—Resolved that it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

George D Strong
Henry Arcularius
Jonᵃ Seymour

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[192] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Assessment for, and objections against a Well & Pump in Morton near Washington street presented the following Report in favor of the Assessment.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Assessment for a Well & Pump in Morton near Washington street with objections against the same respectfully Report.

That Mr Alexr Allaire, who was the only remonstrant against the Assessment appeared before the Committee, and stated that he did not consider himself benefitted to the amount for which his property was assessed—From the explanations of the Assessors however, the Committee are satisfied that the amount of Six dollars assessed to Mr Allaire, is just and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Assessment for a Well & Pump in Morton near Washington street be and the same is hereby confirmed.

George D Strong
Henry Arcularius
Jonᵃ Seymour

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted, the Assessment confirmed and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector thereof.

[193] The Law Committee to whom was referred the several communications in relation to the proceedings against the Bail of Joshua Mesereau late deputy Sheriff of Richmond County presented

a Report which was read laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

A Motion was made to adjourn, which was negatived.

The Report of the Street Committee on the Petition for widening Lombardy street which was laid on the Table on the 6th September last was now called up and read in the words following.

The Street Committee respectfully Report on the annexed Petition and Remonstrances against having Lombardy street widened and improved between Catharine street and Jefferson street, That in their opinion the time has arrived, when the Street ought to be widened agreeably to the plan adopted; and as shewn on the Map or plan of the Rutgers estate, making that street when so widened of the width of Fifty six feet being as originally laid out but Forty feet and as this Street is the only remaining one, that has not been widened as agreed upon and according to the Cession of all the ground to, and accepted by this Corporation belonging to the Rutgers family as may be required for the widening of the said streets. And for as much [194] as that the Buildings and improvements are at present of much less Value, than they probably will be at any future period, and inasmuch as that a great majority of the Owners and lessees of the property to be affected, and [*are*] the petitioners. Your Committee are induced to recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions.

Resolved that Lombardy street between Catharine street and Jefferson street be widened to Fifty six feet and the same is hereby ordered to be done.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the Appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the said matter and that the petition for that purpose be authenticated during the recess of the Board.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
John Lovett

Whereupon the Report was approved & the Resolution adopted

Alderman Wells presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

[195] Resolved that the Street Commissioner Report an Ordinance in favor of sinking a Well & Pump on the corner of Thompson & Bleecker streets.

Alderman Strong presented the following Resolution which was read and Laid on the Table.

Resolved that the Committee on Public Offices and Repairs, be directed to advertise for sealed proposals containing estimates and plans for repairing and remodeling the building lately occupied as the Jail of this City, and that the same be submitted to this Board previous to any contract being entered into.

Alderman Lee presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Superintendant of Repairs.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs examine a Well & Pump in 21st Street between 8th & 9th Avenues and Report to the Common Council on the equity and propriety of taking the same as a Public Well & Pump.

Alderman Stevens presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Law Committee.

Resolved that the Comptroller['s] Cash accounts as passed from time to time by the Board be published [196] in the News papers employed by the Corporation.

Alderman Mott presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Law Committee.

Resolved that the Rules and Orders of the Board be amended by adding the following to the Third rule Vizt "but on such appeal no member shall speak more than once without the leave of the Board unless in explanation.

The Board then adjourned to Monday next at 5 OClock—P. M.

[197] In Common Council October 18—1830

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
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| William W Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | William Scott |
| George D Strong | Joseph W Beadle |
| William Seaman | John Rogers |
| Benjamin M Brown | Thomas Jeremiah |
| James N Wells | Fyler Dibblee |
| Bernard J Meserole | John Lovett |
| Gideon Lee | Philip W Engs |
| James Palmer | |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Approved.

The following Resolution was presented Read and adopted.

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to Borrow under the direction of the Finance Committee, [198] whenever it may be deemed necessary any sum not exceeding Twenty five thousand Dollars at a rate of Interest not exceeding Six per Cent per Annum.

The following Ordinance was presented read and passed.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened that the sums of money annexed in the following List to the respective heads of City expenditure, be and the same are hereby respectively appropriated to the subjects of City Expenditure to which they are annexed.

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| For cleaning Streets..... | $9500 |
| Assessing Tax & completing Books..... | 5596 |
| Repairs to City Hall..... | 2500, |

And that this Ordinance continue in force until the new Organization of the Common Council and no longer.

On Motion of Alderman Lamb, George W Arnold was appointed Inspector of the ensuing Election in the 5th Ward in the place of John B Schmelzel who had resigned.

On Motion of Alderman Meserole Joseph Piggott was appointed Inspector of the ensuing [199] Election in the 10th Ward in the place of William M Peck who had resigned.

Alderman Strong presented the following Preamble and Resolutions which were read and adopted.

Whereas this Common Council have received information that early in the evening of the 6th of October instant, Mr Joseph Barnes a highly respectable and orderly Citizen was violently assailed by an unknown coulered man, in Orange street near the "Five points" who appeared to lay in wait for his approach with a large Stone in his hand with which he severely fractured his skull, broke his Collar bone, and otherwise seriously injured him, so that his life is despaired of.

And Whereas, the above outrage exhibits on the part of the Assailant, an evident intention to Assassinate his Victim, which is not only alarming for individual safety, but shows an open and daring defiance of the Laws, that imperitively calls on the civil authorities to take all proper measures to detect and punish the offender—Therefore

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be authorized to issue his Proclamation offering a reward of Two hundred and fifty Dollars for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator of the above barbarous outrage.

[200] A Communication was received from John Timpson of the 2d Ward resigning the Office of Inspector of Election in said Ward which was read the Resignation accepted, And on motion of Alderman Mott Horace Holden was appointed in his place.

A Letter was received from John J Mumford Proprietor of the Daily paper called the "Standard" requesting the said Paper may be employed as one of the Corporation Papers which was read and the request was complied with.

A Communication was received from J. F Bacon Clerk of the Court of Errors accompanied with a Resolution of Thanks of said Court for the use of the Common Council Chamber during their late Session in this City was read and ordered to be filed.

The Keeper of the City Prison & Bridewell presented a Report of the number of Prisoners confined therein made agreeably to an Ordinance of the Common Council which was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Memorial of the Franklin Fire Insurance Company for relief from erroneous [201] Assessment on their Capital was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of P. J Tobias & others to have Franklin street repaved between Broadway & Chapel street, Also a Remonstrance of Wm R Thompson & others against the same were read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Reuben Rowley praying that a certain judgment on a Recognizance for the appearance of a person who escaped, and has since been apprehended and now in custody may be cancelled, and also that he may be remunerated for expences in said apprehension was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Moran & a number of others praying that in case a Market be located in the 7th Ward that it may be built above Market street was read and referred to the Market Committee.

Upon Motion of Alderman B M Brown of the 8th Ward Ezra S Conner was appointed Inspector of the ensuing Election in the said Ward in the place of Stuart F Randolph resigned.

[202] A Petition of William L Reeves and others for a passage or Gangway across Essex Market, also a Remonstrance of Gilbert Graham & others against the same were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Orville Nash for permission to transfer Stall No 2 Franklin Market to George Merkle Junr was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of E Marshal for Stall N° 26 Catharine Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of George Kaylor to be appointed to any Office in the Gift of the Common Council was read and referred to the Committee on applications for Office.

A Petition of William Brevoort & others for a Well & Pump corner of Bowery & 10th Street was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Isaac Coutant & others to have 7th Street between 2d & 3d Avenues lighted [203] with Lamps was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of Reynolds Sherman & others to have 16th Street from 8th to 9th Avenue paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Asahel Langworthy & others residing in the vicinity of Rose Hill praying for the abatement of a Nuisance occasioned by a Pond of Stagnant Water in that neighborhood was read and referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition of William B Lewis of the 6th Ward for a reduction of Tax on the House & Lot which he occupies was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Thomas R Ludlum & others to have Union place opened in the vicinity of the intersection of Broadway & Bowery was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Henry Brevoort and others to have Bowery Road regulated between 13th & 17th Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[204] A Petition of the Tradesmens Bank for remission of Tax on their Capital was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Stephen Smith & others to have vacant Lots fenced in between 5th & 6th Streets and Lewis street and East River was read and referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition of David Bryson for a Gore of Land on 11th Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Timothy Green to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax on his personal property was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Members of Fire Engine Company N° 18 for a New Engine House was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen, the Resignations were Accepted & appointments made Viz[t]

[205] N° 3

William H Feilding Printer 62 James Slip
John Cairnes—Butcher 6 Delancy S[t]
John M[c]Andrew—Brass founder 21 Prince S[t]
} To fill the Company

N° 4

George T Pittenger—Cabinet Maker 58 Norfolk S[t]
V[c] Henry B Cook—Resigned

N° 5

William B Barber Hatter Grand S[t]
V[c] Daniel S Woodruff—Time Expired

N° 6

Robert Sanderson—Carpenter 470 Broome S[t]
Charles Fountain Sail Maker 42 Leonard S[t]
} To fill the Company.

N° 7

Allen Waddell—House Painter 274 Mott S[t] To fill the Company

N° 8

Mathias Decker Cooper, Vesey S[t] To fill the Company

N° 11

Robert G Cloyd—Ship wright 17 Carlisle To fill the Company
[206] Samuel Ratcliff Printer 163 William S[t] To fill the Company

N° 22

Gilbert G Smith Ship wright 41 Hamilton S[t]
V[c] Andrew T Carpenter Time Expired

N° 33

Henry Gillen 22 Willet S[t] V[c] Jeremiah Bunce—Time Expired
John W *Fielding* [Fielder] Grocer 411 Lombardy S[t]
V[c] John Spencer Left the City

N° 34

Jesse Allen Sash Maker 39 Jones S[t] To fill Company.

N° 40

William Sinclair Painter 171 Mulberry S[t]
V[c] John White—Resigned

William Pullis Mason 150 Elizabeth St

Vc Absolum Travers
John J Low
John Palmer
} Resigned

No 41

Benjamin G Whitmore Blacksmith No 1 Attorney St
William H Weeks Shoemaker 80 Essex Street
Seaman Wright Cartman 87 Willet Street
Samuel Jewell Cartman 18 Suffolk Street
William Scott Shoemaker 169 Broom St
} To fill the Company

[207] No 42

David Logan—Clerk 62 Essex St — To fill Company

Fire Hose Company No 1

Charles L Carpenter Grocer Cor North & Bowery
To fill Company

Fire Hook & Ladder Co

No 2

William J Woram upholsterer 100 Reed St — To fill Company

No 4

Samuel Valleau Sail Maker 66 Mott St — To fill Company

No 5

William Barker Coach Maker: Cor Delancy & Attorney St
To fill Company

No 6

William Sherwood—Painter
Cor Spring & Crosby St
Abraham G. L Titus—Painter 95 Canal St
} To fill Company

The Counsel presented the following Report on subject of Leases for Lots sold 13th October 1828

The Counsel to the Board Respectfully presents herewith Five Leases for Lots or pieces of Land sold for Assessments on the 13th of October 1828 [208] and for which Certificates were given to the purchasers—The said Leases are made to the following parties viz

Three to William B Astor

One to the United States Fire Insurance Company Assigns of John Van Boskirk

One to Abraham R Lawrence Assignee of John L Mason.

The following Resolution is respectfully submitted

Resolved that the Leases above mentioned be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

R Emmet

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Counsel presented the following Report relative to applying for the appointment of a Commissioner in the matter of closing Southampton & Warren Roads in the place of James Fairlie Esq$^{r}$ deceased

The Counsel of the Board begs leave Respectfully to Report, that James Fairlie Esq$^{r}$ one of the Commissioners in the matter of closing Southampton Road from Fifteenth to Twenty first street and Warren Road from seventeenth to Twenty first street departed this life on the 10$^{th}$ day of October instant.

It becomes necessary that the Board, should [209] direct an application to be made to the Supreme Court for the appointment of a Commissioner in the place of M$^{r}$ Fairlie, The following Resolution is therefore submitted.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board apply to the Supreme Court for the appointment of a Commissioner in the place and stead of James Fairlie deceased.

Resolved that the Clerk authenticate the necessary papers in the usual manner

R Emmet

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Viz$^{t}$

For paving Twenty first Street from Eighth to Ninth Avenue and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For paving the Eighth Avenue from 13$^{th}$ to 21$^{st}$ Street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For paving Hall street from Sixth to Seventh street and John Hanmer appointed Collector

For paving Side walks in Bleecker street between Hancock & Downing streets and [210] John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For regulating 6$^{th}$ Street between Avenue D and Lewis street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For repaving Stone street from Broad to Whitehall Street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For paving Side walks of Third Avenue between Sixth and Eighth streets and John Hanmer was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment for a Well & Pump in North street between Willet and Pitt street—Warrant directed to issue to Thomas Cottrell the Collector thereof.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report on subject of remitting the Ground Rent of the Mechanics Society in Chamber street.

Whereas at a Meeting of the Common Council on the 21st June last, a Resolution appended to a Report of the Finance Committee was passed remitting to the Mechanics Society the ground rent [211] in Chamber street on which the Mechanics School and Apprentices Library is erected for the term of Seven years from the first of May last, and did appropriate the said Ground rent for the purchase of Books for the said Library. And Whereas the Finance Committee who reported the Resolution did intend the first of November last instead of the first of May—Therefore

Resolved that the term of Rent remitted by said Resolution commence on the first day of November last instead of the first of May last

Offered by the Finance Committee
W Seaman
Wm W Mott
G Lee
Benjamin M Brown

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Lamp and Gas Committees to whom was referred the subject of changing the manner of purchasing Oil presented the following Report.

The Lamp & Gas Committees to whom was referred the following Resolution offered by Mr Assistant Engs on the 25th January 1830—viz

" Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas Light, to enquire and Report to this Board, on the expediency of so changing the present mode of purchasing Oil for the City Lamps, as to [212] make Contracts for the same for the term of one year."

Beg leave to Report

That they have had the subject under their consideration and have caused proposals to be issued for supplying the City with Oil for one year; the result of which is as follows. They have had one offer made to furnish the quantity required viz 40,000 Gallons at the average price of 81⅜ Cents per Gallon—One, at 67⅛ Cents per

Gallon. One at 66⅓ cents per Gallon. One at 64⅝ Cents per Gallon. And one at 58 Cents per Gallon.

There has been used for the past year 35,843 Gallons of Oil, which cost $23.873,1/100 making the average price of 66½ Cents per Gallon. Taking the past year as a guide, the same Quantity at 58 Cents per Gallon, the lowest price offered by the Estimates will make a saving if the Oil is purchased by contract for the year of only $3,084 7/100 and on 40,000 Gallons the quantity to be contracted for of $3,400

Your Committee beg further to state that they at present invite all the Oil Dealers in the City to send in samples of their Oil with estimates monthly, which Estimates are opened in the presence of the Committee, and the person who exhibits the best Oil for the lowest price gets the order for the Month—And further, that there is no accommodation at present in the Oil House for receiving a larger [213] Quantity as the Cisterns will not hold more than 1500 Gallons —Your Committees are therefore of opinion that it is more advisable to continue in the present mode of contracting to furnish Oil for the City by the Month and thereby evade the risk of loss by leakage bad bargains failures of Contracts &c

All of which is respectfully submitted

James N Wells
Wm W Mott
W Seaman
Fyler Dibblee
Thomas T Woodruff
R Riker
P. W Engs

Which was approved.

The Committee on Repairs to whom was referred the subject of placing an Iron Pump & fixtures in the Well near Cedar street in William street presented a Report, which was read and Laid on the Table for further consideration.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Andrew Killenger Joseph B Smith, Elbert Concklin, James Reeves & William Reeves for Butchers Licences presented the following Report in favor of the same.

[214] The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Andrew Killenger, of James J Titus, of George Hoyt of James L Reeves and William Reeves Respectfully Report.

That [as] the Petitions are accompanied with the usual transfers

and Certificates of qualification they accordingly offer for the consideration of the Common Council the following.

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted

to Andrew Kellinger for Stall N° 10 Grand Street Market
to Elbert Concklin for Stall N° 57 Fulton Market
to Joseph B Smith for Stall N° 51 Fulton Market
to William L Reeves for Stall N° 8 Essex Market
to James Reeves for Stall N° 5 Greenwich Market

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
W Seaman
B. J. Meserole
Jon[a] Seymour

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petitions complaining of the Conduct of the Williamsburgh Ferry Company presented a Report which was read—Laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members—It was also directed that it be made the order of the day at the next meeting of the Board.

[215] The Joint Committees of Public Offices & Repairs to whom was referred the Resolution of the Recorder authorising suitable apartments to be prepared in the Old Alms House for the accommodation of the Criminal Courts presented the following Report.

The joint Committee consisting of the Committees on Public Offices and Repairs to whom was referred the Resolution of the Recorder, authorising the Committees to prepare suitable Apartments in the Westerly end of the Old Alms House for holding the Criminal Courts of the City and for the accommodation of the grand and Petit Jurors, the District Attorney the Clerk of said Courts the Police Office & others connected with the same. Respectfully Report

That it appears to the Committee that the time has arrived when it has become necessary for the Board to decide the Question, as to the removal of the said Courts from the City Hall, they have therefore maturely considered the Resolution referred to them and are of opinion that the Public interest and convenience would be materially promoted by having said Courts and the Offices connected therewith placed adjacent to each other & as the Old Alms House will afford ample accommodation for the purpose they are of opinion that they ought to be removed to that building.

There appears to be some doubt however whether these Courts can be removed under the [216] existing Laws, it will be seen by an examination of the Act of the Legislature of this State in relation to the Criminal Courts of this City passed April 14th 1829 "that the Common Council are authorized to assign such place in the said City other than the City Hall, as to them may seem most conducive to the Public convenience for holding the Courts of General Sessions, and of Oyer & Terminer & Goal delivery to be held in and for the said City & County provided such alteration of the place of holding said Courts shall before the same shall take place be notified in one or more of the Public Newspapers in said City for a period of not less than four weeks" In conformity with this Law, the Common Council did by Ordinance assign the Building formerly Known as the Rotunda under the denomination of the Sessions Hall, as the place where these Courts should be held; having thus fulfilled the object of the Law, the power of the Common Council over the subject must have ceased— If there should be any doubt that this is the true construction of that Act a reference to the Law passed February 20th [20th] 1830 in relation to certain proceedings in criminal cases in the City of New York, will remove that doubt.

By that Act it is declared "that it shall be lawful for the Common Council by Ordinance to provide from time to time as the public [217] convenience may require, that the Circuit Court and Court of Oyer & Terminer and Jail delivery, and general and Special Sessions to be held in and for the said City and County shall be held either at the City Hall of said City, or at the Building in said City Known as the Sessions Hall, and unless otherwise provided by such Ordinance the said Courts respectively may, by an Order to be entered upon their Minutes from time to time, direct the holding of said Courts at either of said places" Thus limiting the Sessions of those Courts to those two buildings.

Your Committee are of opinion that notwithstanding this obstacle to an immediate removal of said Courts, the Old Alms House ought to be prepared for their reception and for that of the Offices connected with them & that application ought to be made to the Legislature for the requisite authority for their removal to said building.

With respect to the Police Office the Common Council have power to place it where they may think proper, and your Committee are decidedly of opinion that it ought to be removed from its present situation as soon as practicable.

Your Committee therefore propose for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Committee on Public Offices and Repairs be authorized to prepare suitable apartments in the West end of the Old Alms House [218] for the holding of the Criminal Courts of this City and for the accommodation of the Grand and Petit Jurors, the District Attorney and Clerk of said Courts, the Police Office and others connected with the same and that the sum of Two thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for such purpose.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on applications to the Legislature for the passage of an Act authorising the Removal of said Courts to the aforesaid building.

Anthony Lamb
James N Wells
Thomas T Woodruff
David Bryson
Wm Mandeville
Thos Jeremiah

It is was moved to strike out the "appropriation" in the first Resolution which was agreed to. Alderman Stevens moved that there be added at the end of the first Resolution "And that the expences thereof shall not exceed the sum of Two thousand Dollars," which was agreed to—The question was then taken on the Report and Resolutions, and they were adopted.

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Watch Committee

[219] Resolved that the subject of providing Accommodations for the first District Watch in the West end of the Building known as the Old Alms House be referred to the Watch Committee to Report thereon.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Pearson for a balance paid into the Treasury belonging to the Estate of her late husband presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Pearson widow of Thomas R Pearson deceased praying for a balance of Seventeen dollars and Seventy nine cents paid into the treasury by Benjamin Prince the late Public Administrator as belonging to the intestate Estate of her late husband.

Respectfully Report.

That they have caused enquiry to be made respecting this claim and have every reason to believe that the circumstances set forth in the Petition are correct Viz—that the applicant is the widow of the said Thomas R Pearson, that he left no children, and that the said sum has been paid into the Treasury as the balance remaining of his estate—They are of opinion therefore that the prayer of the Petition should be granted and submit the following Resolution.

[220] Resolved that the above sum of $17,^{7}\%_{00}$ be paid to the Petitioner, and that a Warrant be Reported for that purpose, on her giving Bond with surety to be approved by the Counsel of the Board to refund the same in case it should hereafter appear that she is not entitled thereto

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the several Petitions for the Office of Wood Inspector presented the following Report in favor of appointing Moses Brush to the 1st District

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips beg leave to state, that a vacancy exists in the 1st Wood District, occasioned by the death of Mr Marschalk from among the Petitioners they have selected and recommend Moses Brush as a fit person for that Office, and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that Moses Brush be and is hereby appointed an Inspector of Fire Wood on the 1st Wood district in place of Mr Marschalk deceased

John Lovett
Joseph W Beadle
[221] Isaac Brown
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted and he was appointed accordingly.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the subject of extending the Pier at the foot of Oliver street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred

the subject of extending the Pier at the foot of Oliver street by adding thereto a Block and a Bridge Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the extension of that Pier is necessary to afford sufficient accommodation for the Vessels frequenting the adjoining Slips, and as the Piers at James and Catharine Slips have been recently lengthened seventy feet each, there appears to be a propriety of extending the intermediate Pier at Oliver street as well to afford greater accommodations, as to prevent the deposit of Ice resulting from the aforesaid Piers forming an Eddy in the tide between them and thereby preventing the ingress and egress of Vessels in the Winter season. This Pier is the joint property of this Corporation and of the Individuals in its vicinity—The whole cost of extending it would not exceed Two thousand Dollars One third of which sum would only have to be paid [222] by this Board—Your Committee would therefore recommend that the aforesaid Pier be extended by adding a Block and a Bridge thereto provided the individuals interested therein unite with this Corporation in the expence thereof, and they accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Pier at the foot of Oliver street be extended Seventy feet by adding a block and bridge thereto. Provided that the individual owners and proprietors therein unite with this Corporation in defraying their just proportion of the expence thereof.

John Lovett
Anthony Lamb
Isaac Brown

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the subject of building a Pier in the North River at the foot of King street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of building a Pier or Wharf into the North or Hudson river at the foot of King street

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the interests of this Corporation as well as Public accommodation [223] require that a Pier should be built at that place. The Pier at Charlton street affords the only security for Vessels between Spring and Christopher streets a distance of more than Two thousand feet—The Block of ground between Charlton and King street belongs to this Corporation, by building the contemplated Pier a Basin will be formed immediately in front of their premises and the wharfage

wholly accrue to this Corporation as well as the increased value to their Lots. As has been reported by the Street Commissioner to this Board Mr Astor refuses to unite in building the said Pier. Your Committee would therefore recommend that it be built at the Public expence. The estimated Cost will not exceed Eight thousand dollars and probably considerably less the length and size of the Pier to correspond with that at Charlton street. Upon due deliberation your Committee are convinced of the propriety of having a Pier built at the place above designated And that estimates be received therefor, and a contract entered into the present season, and the work commenced as early in the ensuing Spring as the weather and other circumstances will permit, as it is believed that such Contract may be made on much better terms at the present than by delaying it until the next year. From the foregoing considerations your Committee recommend the Adoption of the following Resolutions

[224] Resolved that a Pier or Wharf be built at the foot of King street to extend Two hundred and fifty feet into the Hudson river with an Ell correspon[d]ing with the Pier at the foot of Charlton street.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner receive Estimates for building the said Pier and Contract for the same to be built the ensuing Spring

John Lovett
Anthony Lamb
Isaac Brown
Joseph W Beadle

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

Mr Engs gave notice of Reconsideration at the next Meeting of the Board.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of employing Marshals to attend the different Courts presented the following Report which was read, amended & adopted as follows

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of employing Marshals to attend on the different Courts, established in the City Hall and also for serving Subpoenas on Witnesses and to Report some mode by which they shall be employed in future, beg leave to state that by Statute it is the duty of the Sheriff to summon as many [225] Constables or Marshall's as he may deem necessary for the Business of the Court. Your Committee have endeavoured to collect information on this subject from persons familiar with the Arrangements of the respective Courts, and the duties to be performed in

relation to the same; and from the result of their examinations it appears to them that the Compensation allowed for serving Subpoenas is reasonable and ought to be continued: But that the number of Marshals attending Courts may be curtailed, consistent with the due administration of Public justice, and as this subject is entirely within the controul of the respective Courts they respectfully suggest to the Courts the propriety of reducing the number of Marshals attending these Courts as follows viz[t]

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| General Sessions | Twelve |
| Superior Court | Four |
| Circuit Court | Four |
| Oyer & Terminer | Six |
| Special Sessions | Five |
| Common Pleas | Four |

If this regulation is adopted, it is believed that the public service can be fairly and faithfully discharged and a large amount annually saved to the City. Therefore Resolved that the above Report be Adopted

William Mandeville
Fyler Dibblee
Thomas T Woodruff
Benjamin M Brown

[226] And it was Resolved that the Judges of the respective Courts be respectfully requested to conform to those regulations as far as the Public business will permit.

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

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| N[o] 1. | Estate W[m] Edgar Dec[d] | owner | E side Mangin S[t] | Lots |
| 2. | D[o] | D[o] | N side do | D[o] |
| 3. | Samuel Ward | D[o] | S side Fourth S[t] | D[o] |
| 4. | Thomas Burling | D[o] | between Bloomingdale & 5 Avenue | D[o] |
| 5. | Oliver Mathews | D[o] | W side First S[t] | D[o] |
| 6. | John ONiel | D[o] | 125 Elizabeth S[t] | Privy |
| 7. | Elizabeth Smith | D[o] | 95 Cherry | D[o] |
| 8. | D[o] | D[o] | 97 D[o] | D[o] |
| 9. | Isaac Lawrence | D[o] | 4 Wall S[t] | D[o] |

I Warren City Inspector

Which were passed.

The City Inspector presented the following Ordinance which was passed and Assessors appointed thereto Viz[t]

To fence in vacant Lots fronting on the Westerly side of Thompson street and Easterly side of Sullivan street, and between Prince and Houston streets, and Northerly side of Prince street between [227] Thompson and Sullivan streets and John Lozier Abraham Baudoine and Jacob S Baker were appointed Assessors.

He also presented the following Ordinances

To fill in sunken Lots fronting on the Westerly side of Thompson street and Easterly side of Sullivan street between Prince and Houston streets at the Public expence, that a Lien on the premises be taken for such expence Which was passed.

To fill in sunken Lots situate between Bloomingdale Road and Sixth Avenue and between Seventeenth & Nineteenth streets at the Public expence and that Lien be taken on the premises for such expence. Which was passed.

An Invitation was received from the Building Committee of the Northern Dispensary to attend the Ceremony of laying the corner Stone of their Building was read and Accepted.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the complaint against Fire Engine C[o] N[o] 21 which was Laid on the Table on the 11[th] Inst was called up and read—An additional Report was also presented and read—After considerable Debate the Reports together with some Documents read in the course of the Debate by M[r] Dibblee were referred back to the Committee.

[228] The Comptroller presented the following Cash Account.

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| Balance as per Account 4[th] Instant | 79.09 |
| Rec[d] for Tax of 1830 | 15.200. |
| " " Streets | 2.664. |
| " " Rents | 2.482.50 |
| " " ½ Lottery Licences rec[d] of the Mayor | 1.000. |
| " " Commutation Alien Passengers | 590. |
| " " Justices Courts | 572.08 |
| " " Tavren Licence | 510. |
| " " Wells & Pumps | 74. |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 24.37 |
| Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 18[th] Oct[r] on Act[t] | 3.400. |
| | $26.596.04 |

54 Accounts Audited & directed to be Paid

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| Blauvelt & Stewart—Watch | 1[st] | Dist | | 1386. |
| Asten & Field | D[o] | 2[d] | " | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring | D[o] | 3[d] | " | 945. |

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| George B Smith Asst St Comr 1 Qr Salary 15 Octr..... | 500. |
| J Morton Clerk C C for Hack Accounts..... | 36. |
| R Stephens extra service as Asst C Police 25 July to 27th Sept ..... | 93.32 |
| Wm D Hughes sunday service 14 Ward 27 days to 11 Octr | 40.50 |
| James King do 26 days to 1st Octr | 39. |
| Abm Leggett Superdt Mud Scow 2 weeks to 17th Octr..... | 275.36 |
| J M Bloodgood Supedt Streets sweeping Public grounds... | 500. |
| Wm Murlock Atty for Pat McPake satisfaction of Judgment violation of Corporation Law in 1829 reversed by Superior Court ..... | 83.94 |
| [229] P Smith bal reg & pavg West St fm Spring to Hamersly St ..... | 593.79 |
| P. Smith bal repavg Dey St fm Broadway to Greenwich St. | 82.42 |
| Thos R Ludlum Surveys &c 9 Months 1 Octr..... | 236.76 |
| Wm B Doughty Do Do ..... | 169.39 |
| S Morris repairs Culverts Grand & Canal Sts..... | 22.70 |
| A Colten repairs Intersections 14 Ward..... | 4.20 |
| Abm Storms 3d payt buildg Addition to Piers James Slip... | 783.33 |
| J. R Livingston return Costs 4 Lots Elizabeth St sold 13th Octr 1828 Redeemed | 16. |
| L L Gouverneur return Costs 1 Lot Governeur St sold Do Do | 4. |
| P McGlinn bal for Well 14th St near 6th Avenue..... | 30. |
| D Harren bal Do Grove near Bleecker St..... | 29.25 |
| M Tally 709 Loads Earth at Market place Weehawken St.. | 28.36 |
| R Graves St Comr Actt Expences Lands & Places..... | 250. |
| R Graves Do bal appropriation for repairs Bridge at Harlem ..... | 100. |
| R Graves Do Actt McAdamizing 3d Avenue..... | 1000. |
| J Pollock Actt gravelling 8th Avenue fm 21st St 2 miles North ..... | 1000. |
| Jas Blackwell interest on Bond $17.000 at 5 pr Cent 1 Qr 15 Octr ..... | 212.50 |
| C Mapes Treasr Institution Deaf & Dumb 1 Qr 13 Octr.... | 412.50 |
| Jacob P Roome Super Repairs Actt repairing & cleaning City Hall ..... | 1213. |
| J. P. Roome Do Fire Department.... | 1076. |
| J. P. Roome Do Repairs ..... | 673. |
| J. P. Roome Do Docks & Slips..... | 600. |
| J. P. Roome Do Pumps ..... | 533. |
| J. P. Roome Do late Debtors Jail.... | 300. |
| J Johnson & J Manning Assessg Tax of 1830 & Jury list 1st Ward | 428. |
| J Leonard & J Sutphin Do " " | 432. |
| [230] J Graham & N C Griffith Do 3d " | 420. |
| P McCartee & G C Morgan Do 4th " | 428. |
| A Journeay & L Warner Do 5th " | 428. |
| E Burrell & J Heath Do 6th " | 428. |

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| D Dusenberry & C Fordham Assess$^{s}$ Tax of 1830 & Jury list | | 7$^{th}$ Ward | 418. | |
| A D Stephens & D Vandevoort | D$^{o}$ | 8$^{th}$ " | 424. | |
| J Pangburn & G Weed | D$^{o}$ | 9$^{th}$ " | 422. | |
| S Purdy & W H Peck | D$^{o}$ | 10$^{th}$ | 428. | |
| H P Robertson & S Gage | D$^{o}$ | 11$^{th}$ | 428. | |
| J F Lawrence & J L Varian | D$^{o}$ | 12$^{th}$ | 414. | |
| I Halsey & O Newcomb J$^{r}$ | D$^{o}$ | 13$^{th}$ | 422. | |
| J Aims & E Dean | D$^{o}$ | 14 | 426. | |
| G N Bleecker Completeing Tax Books 1830 Audited by Finance Com$^{te}$ | | | 350. | |
| R Graves S$^{t}$ Com$^{r}$ Act$^{t}$ Repairs Roads | | | 500. | |
| R Graves do 1 Q$^{r}$ Salary 1 Oct$^{r}$ | | | 500. | |
| Arthur Burtis Superd$^{t}$ Alms House for Alms House | | | 5000. | 26.575.32 |
| | | | Balance | $20.72 |

Board adjourned to Monday next at 5 OClock P M

[231] In Common Council October 25. 1830

Present The Honb$^{l}$ Richard Riker Recorder President

| Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|
| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| William W Mott | William Mandeville |
| Samuel Stevens | David Bryson |
| Isaac Brown | Henry Arcularius |
| Anthony Lamb | William Scott |
| George D Strong | Joseph W Beadle |
| William Seaman | John Rogers |
| Benjamin M Brown | Thomas Jeremiah |
| James N Wells | Fyler Dibblee |
| Bernard J Meserole | Peter Cooper |
| Gideon Lee | John Lovett |
| James Palmer | Philip W Engs |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The reading of the Minutes of the last meeting were dispensed with.

A Petition of sundry Persons praying to have Lamps placed on Third Avenue as far up as 28$^{th}$ Street was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

[232] A Petition of Joseph Lent to be appointed to take charge of and drive the Public Carriage from the Police with Prisoners to the City Prison was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A Petition of Enrice Causici for permission to occupy a Room to cast a Statute of Washington in, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices with powers.

A Communication was received from Francis E Phelps on the subject of supplying the City with pure and wholesome Water was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Water Committee.

A Petition of John Fox & others for a Well & Pump in King street near Varick Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of M^rs Shields to be relieved from a Fine for selling Liquors without Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee

[233] A Petition of the Debtors confined in the Jail of the City for a supply of Fuel was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House with a request that they will grant the prayer of the Petition

A Petition of Charles Holt and others for a Cross walk on the South west side of Canal street across Varick street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial of the Lyceum of Natural History for a Lease of the Rotunda at a Reasonable rent was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of several Masters of Market Vessels doing business at new Slip praying that larger vessels may be prohibited from lying in that place, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of William Hamilton Jun^r for the postponement of a Sale of Lots for the payment of the Assessment for opening 14^th and 15^th Streets was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[234] A Petition of David P Hall for apportionment of Assessment on opening 5^th Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance of Frederick Webber & others against the renewal of the Lease of the Williamsburgh Ferry was read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of Richard Beckwith & others owners of property on 3^d Street for paving the same from Avenue D to C was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of W^m Bradford & others for paving side Walks of 2^d Street from Avenue C to Avenue D was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of the Members of Union Fire Company N° 18 for a permanent location for their Engine House was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

A Petition of J Mangam & others to have side walks of Wooster street between Bleecker and Amity street paved was read and referred to [235] the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Deavenport for the Office of Weighmaster of the Public Hay Scales at Tompkins Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of H Bostwick to be released from the payment of Personal Tax was read and referred to the Committee of Assessments.

A Petition of the Masters of Hudson River Sloops at and in the vicinity of Albany Basin praying that the Wharves of the same may be ordered to be cleared was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

M^r^ Rogers presented the following Resolution which was read and agreed to.

Resolved that the Superintendent of Repairs be ordered to re-number 4^th^ Street.

M^r^ Rogers presented the following which was read and referred to the Watch Committee

Resolved that the Watch be increased in the 9^th^ Ward.

[236] The Report of the Law Committee on subject of the proceedings against the Bail of Joshua Mersereau Deputy Sheriff of Richmond County presented on the 11^th^ Instant and laid on the Table was now on motion called up and read as follows.

The Law Committee to which have been referred several communications in relation to the proceedings against the bail of Joshua Mersereau late Deputy Sheriff of Richmond County

Report

That in the summer of 1826 one William Curran arrived here from Cork as master of the Brig Irene, and violated the Laws of this State in landing certain Alien Passengers: That M^r^ Philip Hone the then Mayor of the City on advisement with the then and present Recorder directed the Attorney of the Board to issue process against Captain Curran which was accordingly done and M^r^ Mersereau, the Sheriff of Richmond County was directed to serve it. The process was served on Curran while on board his Vessel lying between Staten Island and New Jersey. Curran was under the process brought to the City. The authorities of New Jersey, either at the instance of Curran, or of

their own motion, issued process against Mersereau the Deputy for the service of the New York process on Curran in the waters and Jurisdiction of their [237] State as they alledge. Out of the conflicting claims to jurisdiction of the respective State to the waters adjacent, this difficulty has arisen.

The authorities of New Jersey prosecuted this suit, threatening Mersereau with imprisonment in their state prison for seven years, and for default of appearance the amount of the Bail is claimed in lieu of the imprisonment of one of our Citizens.

The history of this transaction from the Counsel of the Board, accompanies this Report, and makes it unnecessary for the Committee to further enter into the procedings of the suit. The farms and property of the securities has been levied on and will be sold unless we take from our City treasury and place in the treasury, of the State of New Jersey, between seven and eight thousand dollars. This mode may procure money, but we doubt if it will settle state rights or questions of jurisdiction, and it may lead to retaliation certainly to be avoided, as its tendency would be to create feelings between neighbours injurious to both.

Your Committee have deliberated on another branch of this subject, that is how far it is the duty of the Board to exonerate or indemnify the bail, or the individuals to whom the Bail look for their indemnification.

The Common Council will perceive by the statement from the Counsel, that the board acted [238] on the subject of indemnity with closed doors, and the minute of that meeting is not now to be found probably it has been used by some Committee and not returned to the Clerk of the Board. To supply the place of these minutes, a note was addressed to Thomas Bolton Esq$^{r}$ then a member of the Law Committee, and for the further information of the board, his answer, and a Certificate appended thereto from Judge Schieffelin of the Marine Court, also a Member of the then Law Committee accompany this Report.

By these communications it will appear that the Board actually engaged to indemnify the then Mayor, but if they had not, and this obligation of the Board were now for the first time taken into consideration, it would appear;

First—That the suit against Cap$^{t}$ Curran was commenced by the Officers of the Board, and in our Corporate name.

Second—That the said suit against Curran was one in which neither

our Officers nor any individual had any interest; the City alone was concerned to prosecute.

Third—That the Mayor in directing Cap[t] Curran to be sued, acted within the scope of his official authority.

Fourth—That justice and equity require the City to indemnify its Officers, acting as they were in good faith for the City, and within the scope of [239] their authority that the parties so acted in this instance is beyond all doubt.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that a Memorial should be presented to the Legislature of New Jersey for the refunding this Money, and that a Memorial should also be presented to the Legislature of the State of New York for the settlement of the question of the jurisdiction of these waters; and also that the State make good our loss in the prosecution of these suits, being an expence which the City has been made liable for by reason of a Deputy Sheriff serving a State process in waters claimed exclusively by this State.

Your Committee in conclusion offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller Report a Warrant at the next Meeting of the Board in favor of John Leveridge Esq[r] for the sum of Seven thousand and Sixty six dollars and twenty three Cents for the settlement of the suits against the Bail of Joshua Mersereau, and that the same be paid from the appropriation of the contingent fund

Samuel Stevens
Fyler Dibblee
Gideon Lee
William Seaman

The Letter from Thomas Bolton Esq[r] together with the Certificate of Judge Schieffelin were as follows

[240] New York October 9. 1830

Dear Sir

Your favor of this day is now before me, in which you ask what took place in the secret Session of the Common Council in October 1826 in reference to the imprisonment of M[r] Mersereau Sheriff of Richmond County, arrested at Amboy, for serving process on a Master of a Vessel who had landed passengers in violation of the Laws of this State, and how far the then Mayor acted under the advice and direction of the Common Council, and if any, what Resolution was passed for his indemnity.

In answer to these inquiries permit me to say that I am not at this time able to state whether the injunction of secrecy has ever been

removed, and of course how far I am at liberty to speak on this subject. But inasmuch as your letter is official, I will state what I now recollect in relation to this matter. You will act accordingly.

The first I now recollect to have heard on this subject, was when the Law Committee was charged with a verbal communication made by Mr Hone in relation to this arrest. That Committee I believe reported on the matters referred. On the coming in of this report, or at some other meeting of the Board (I now think it was at the secret Session you refer to) much was said in reference to this unpleasant [241] controversy between us and New Jersey. Mr Hone with a view of accommodating the Board or Committee offered his name and responsibility to any extent which might be required, provided the Board would promise to indemnify him. This offer was immediately accepted by the Board but whether by a written or verbal resolution I am not now able to say, though I am clear in my recollection that the indemnity to Mr Hone was to be to the full extent which he might be called upon by the Laws of New Jersey to enter into—Mr Van Wyck was the Chairman of the Law Committee, and was charged by the Committee with the details, he employed one or more agents to go to New Jersey on this subject, and from time to time informed me of the progress made. I understood that Mr Hone had entered into Bonds, or in some other way had become responsible in relation to this arrest, and I never for one moment have supposed that any doubt existed as to Mr Hones right to a full and complete indemnity. This I know was Mr Van Wycks opinion also, and I have not any doubt but he supposed that it clearly appeared among the Records of the Common Council. I certainly did think so.

I am Dear sir with respect

Your Obt Servant

Samuel Stevens Esqr Thomas Bolton

I fully concur in the above statement made by Mr Bolton and would only add that I [242] was a Member of the Law Committee at the time.

Effingham Scheiffelin

The Statement from the Counsel was as follows.

In obedience to the directions of the Law Committee I have examined the subject of Mr Leveridges communication presented to the Board on the 14th June instant, and the following appear to be the material facts of the case to which it refers.

In the summer of 1826, the brig Irene commanded by William

Currin arrived from Cork at Amboy in New Jersey, with a number of passengers on board. The Vessel was entered at Amboy, but the passengers (about fifty in number) were put on board a small Sloop and sent up to this City, and were landed on the State Prison Dock. A complaint being made to Philip Hone Esq[r] then Mayor of this City, a suit was directed to be brought against the Captain in the name of the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty, a writ was accordingly issued by the Attorney of the Board, in the Supreme Court, directed to the Sheriff of Richmond County, the Vessel being then anchored in the stream between Amboy and Staten Island. The Captain was arrested on board the vessel by Joshua Mersereau a deputy Sheriff of Richmond County, and at his own request was brought to this City, where he was lodged in Jail. [243] A satisfactory arrangement having however been made with him, he was discharged in a few days. Shortly afterwards, M[r] Mersereau being in Amboy on other business, was arrested on the charge of having (by executing the above process against Captain Currin) violated an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey passed 3[d] December 1807; by the second section of which it is enacted "That if any person not authorized under the authority of the State or of the United States, shall execute or attempt to execute any legal process within the State of New Jersey, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on being thereof duly convicted shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding $2000, and to imprisonment in the State Prison not exceeding seven years." On being so arrested, M[r] Mersereau was taken to New Brunswick and there confined in Jail. M[r] Leveridge was employed by M[r] Hone to go to New Brunswick and procure his enlargement if possible; A habeas corpus was obtained, and an order made that M[r] Mersereau should give bail in the sum of $6000, himself in $2000, and two sureties in that sum each. Considerable difficulty ocurred in procuring sureties, but through the exertions of M[r] Leveridge, and with an Indemnity from M[r] Hone, two citizens of New Jersey one residing at Trenton, the other at New Brunswick were induced to become bail for M[r] Mersereau's appearance in court, [244] to abide its order in the premises and he was accordingly released.

It appears that subsequently (I believe in December 1826) a bill of indictment was found against M[r] Mersereau at a Court of Oyer and Terminer held for Middlesex County in New Jersey, and that a new recognizance was ordered to be taken with three sureties in the sum of $3000 each, and that through the Agency of M[r] Leveridge and a Bond of indemnity from M[r] Hone such sureties were procured; their

names were Smith Freeman George H Stout and Cathel (since deceased). They entered into a several recognizance each in the sum of $3000, that Mr Mersereau should appear in the Supreme Court at Trenton, in May 1827, traverse the indictment and not depart the Court without leave.

It appears also that immediately after Mr Mersereau had been arested Mr Hone the then Mayor addressed a Letter on the subject to the late Mr Clinton then Governor of this State, and that he brought the whole subject before the Common Council on the 31st July 1826. By reference to the Minutes (vol 58 page 147 to 157) it will be found that a Report from the Attorney of the Board and one from the Mayor, a letter from Mr Leveridge to the Mayor, and two letters from the Mayor to the Governor were referred to the Law Committee; [245] and (page 203) that the governors answer to the Mayor was also referred to the same Committee. Also that on the 9th of October 1826 (page 319) a report was presented by the Law Committee, and referred back; and that on the same day (page 336), while the Board were sitting with closed doors, a Report from the same Committee on this subject was presented, read and Adopted. This report is not to be found in the Office of the Clerk, no[r] is it copied in the Minutes, I have not been able therefore to ascertain its contents but have been informed that the Common Council by adopting it, undertook to save Mr Hone harmless in the matter. It appears also that immediately after Mr Mersereaus arrest, Mr Leveridge employed George Wood Esqr an eminent lawyer then residing at New Brunswick, to Act as Counsel for Mr Mersereau, and that Mr Wood has had charge of defending Mr Mersereau and his sureties in this matter ever since; and that he has kept up a correspondence on this subject with the Counsel to the Board, to whom, by a resolution on a Report of the Law Committee adopted March 24th 1828 Mr Wood's previous communications to the Board were referred, with directions to reply thereto, and give such instructions in relation to the proceedings against Mr Mersereau as he might deem advisable.

It appears also that Mr Leveridge was paid by order of the Common Council for his services [246] and the expences incurred by him in going to New Jersey and procuring sureties for Mr Mersereau, whereby his release was effected

It appears also that at the May term of the Supreme Court of New Jersey in 1827, Mr Mersereau was called on his recognizance, but did not appear, and that his default was entered; that further proceedings were

however delayed in consequence of a negotiation pending between the two States, for a settlement of the boundary question by Commissioners, but that such negotiation having failed, proceedings were recommended in this matter in the early part of 1828 by issuing a scire facias against Mr Mersereau's bail; that Mr Wood appeared and defended those proceedings, and raised several objections thereto, but that the Supreme Court of New Jersey in November 1829 *dediced* [decided] against the defendants, by which Messrs Stout and Freeman, two of the sureties, were respectively adjudged to pay $3000, with interest and costs, and the estate of Mr Cathel (who had also been surety) was made liable for so much of the same amount as there should be assets to pay; that execution was issued against Messrs Stout and Freeman returnable in February 1830, to levy from each the sum of $3000, with costs and interest from the time at which Mr Mersereaus default was entered, and that an application [247] was made by Mr Wood to the Court to quash those executions, on the ground that two executions had been issued instead of one; he also objected to the claim for interest, and to the double bill of costs, upon which the Court decided, that interest could not extend further back than the date of the judgment (about the middle of November 1829) and that but one bill of costs could be taxed. They delayed deciding, until the next term, whether the execution should be quashed, and I have not learned whether any or what decision had since been made on that point.

It is certain however, as matters now stand, that Mr Freeman and Mr Stout, are each fixed for the payment of $3000, with interest from November last, and some costs; and that the estate of Mr Cathel will be held liable for some portion of a similar amount.

Mr Leveridge states, that those gentlemen have been required to pay the above demand, or submit to have their property sold; that they became such sureties at his earnest solicitation, and relying upon the indemnity of Mr Hone the former Mayor; that Mr Hone alleges that he acted throughout with the knowledge and approbation of the Common Council, and that they assumed all his responsibility in the matter.

And, finally, the object of Mr Leveridge's communication, is to request that the Corporation may promptly relieve Mr Mersereaus sureties by paying [248] the amounts for which they have thus been made liable

R Emmet

June 28. 1830

Upon the Question of adopting the Report of the Committee, it was carried in the Affirmative, And that part relative to an Application to the Legislature of the State of New Jersey and to the Legislature of the State of New York was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

The Report of the Law Committee on the Memorial of the Manhattan Gas light Company presented on the 3d of August last and laid on the Table was on motion now called up and read as follows.

The Law Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Manhattan Gas Light Company

Respectfully Report.

That the Memorialists pray that the Corporation would by Resolution, annul and declare void the agreement made by their predecessors with the New York Gas Light Company; and grant to them, the Memorialists the right in common with the last named Company, to use the Streets of the City, for laying Pipes and supplying Gas Light within the Limits prescribed for the old Company.

[249] In order that the rights of the two Companies may be properly understood, the Committee lay before the Board the following statement of their origin and proceedings.

The New York Gas Light Company was incorporated by the Legislature of the State in March 1823 with a Capital of One Million of Dollars, and a Charter unlimited in its duration $495,000 of this Capital has been subscribed and actually paid in, and nearly the whole of that amount is now invested, and employed in the operations of the Company.

In May 1823, the Company entered into articles of agreement with the Corporation of the City whereby the Corporation granted to them, on certain conditions the sole and exclusive privilege and right of laying pipes under ground for conducting Gas to light the Public Lamps and the houses and buildings throughout that part of the City, south of a Line running from the East River through Grand street, Sullivan street, and Canal street to the Hudson River—This Grant the Company is to hold and enjoy until the 12th day of May 1853.

The Conditions to be performed by the Company were as follows namely.

That before the 12th day of May 1825 they should erect and complete good and sufficient buildings works and apparatus, for the preperation and manufacture of Gas; cause the necessary Pipes to be made of Cast Iron, and to be laid, and also manufacture and [250]

supply in the most approved manner sufficient quantities of the best quality gas commonly called inflamable gas, for lighting Broadway from Grand street to the Battery.

These conditions were performed within the time limited.

After the 12th day of May 1828 and at all times during the residue of the term of the Grant, the Company engaged to lay the necessary pipes, and supply a sufficient quantity of Gas for lighting such other streets and buildings within the prescribed limits, as the Corporation should from time to time reasonably require, by resolution or by Law; and that the Public Lamps should be lighted with gas during such times, as were customary to light them with oil &c at a yearly expence, not exceeding that of lighting and supplying an equal number of the said Lamps with oil, estimating the price at the average of the preceding year.

The uncertainty of the terms "best quality of gas" was settled between the Parties by making the London Gas a standard. The contract stipulates that the light of the said Lamps shall be of a quality, brilliancy, or intensity equal to the Gas in use for the Public Lamps in the City of London.

The Gas Company also stipulated, that they would so conduct their manufactories [251] as not to create a nuisance; and also agreed, that if they failed in fulfilling the conditions above mentioned the Common Council might by a Resolution or order, annul and vacate the grant.

In February 1827, the State Legislature incorporated another Company called the American Gas Light Company for the purpose of lighting with gas, that part of the City, north of the line prescribed by the Corporation for the New York Gas Company. This second Company entered into a contract with the Corporation, engaging to light with gas the Public Lamps &c agreeably to their Charter, on certain stipulated conditions, which it is now unnecessary to detail. The American Gas Light Company took no step towards fulfilling their contract, which expired by its own limitation, on the first day of May 1830. This document is on file in the Street Commissioners Office and is dated in July 1827.

During the existence of the last mentioned contract, the Vice President and Secratary of the American Gas Company, who executed it, and a majority of the Directors, associated their names with other individuals and petitioned the Legislature to grant them a charter under the title of the Manhattan Gas Light Company.

Their application to the Legislature was to obtain from them, the

right to open and dig into the streets of the City independent of the Common [252] Council. This appears from a printed copy of the Act of Incorporation; but clauses were afterwards added in its passage through the Senate restraining the Manhattan Gas Company "from digging into or defacing any Street without the permission of the Corporation first had and obtained;" and declaring that the "rights and privileges granted them should not be construed to impair or affect any exclusive rights and privileges, theretofore granted to any incorporated Company in said City."

This third Company now memorialize the Corporation praying for a concurrent right, with the New York Gas light Company, to use the streets for laying pipes, and thereby create a useful competition; for which purpose they respectfully allege and insist that the Common Council ought to annul and declare void the contract entered into between the Corporation and the New York Gas Light Company; on the ground, that the said Company have wholly failed to comply with the stipulations and engagements which form the conditions of their contract with the Corporation.

The Manhattan Gas Light Company specially allege, that the New York Gas Light Company have failed in what constitutes a fundamental part of their Contract to wit: the quality of the gas; and in the Memorial they offer [253] to prove.

"First, That the gas furnished by the New York Gas light Company, has never been of a quality, brilliancy or intensity, equal to the gas used in the public Lamps in the City of London but greatly inferior.

"Secondly, That the Manufactories of Gas of the New York Gas Light Company have been nuisances since their erection, and that their pipes have been and are, in several streets so carelessly laid, as to be offensive to the Citizens.

"Thirdly, That the quality of the Gas has been inferior, and the price exorbitant; and that pretended reductions have been wholly nominal and deceptive." Also stating that superior Gas may be furnished at a cheaper rate.

Your Committee have with patience and care, at various meetings, examined, under oath, a great number of witnesses, among whom were persons both scientifically and practically acquainted with the the quality, manufacturing and furnishing of Gas in different cities in Europe, as well as at Baltimore and New York.

The weight of testimony adduced substantiates the following facts; that the gas used for lighting the public lamps in the City of London,

is prepared entirely from coal, while that furnished by the Company here is now made from rosin, and was formerly manufactured from oil; that the best gas is made [254] from oil, and the next best from rosin, but it is fully shown that the gas as here furnished from rosin is superior in illuminating power, and in value to gas manufactured from Coal in the proportion of 2 feet of rosin to 3 feet of Coal gas.

It is however shewn that the quantity of light given by the public Lamps in Broadway is not by any means equal to the quantity in similar streets in London. It appears that the Lamps in London are larger, consume more Gas, and in a similar street are placed at an average distance of only 90 to 100 feet from each other, on each side of the Street while in Broadway the average distance is one hundred and forty eight and a half feet.

The Broadway Lamps are by the Corporation Lamp lighters, and the Superintendent testifies that the Gas Company furnishes at all times as much gas as can be used, but that the Lamp lighters are deterred from a more free use of the gas in consequence of the glasses which cover the Lamps, being too small to bear a sufficient height of flame.

In relation to the second charge viz "that the manufactories are a nuisance and the pipes carelessly laid," several witnesses testified, that they considered the gas manufactories a nuisance; but none of the witnesses believed them injurious to health.

[255] The opinions of the witnesses on this point appeared to your Committee to be governed by the same principle, by which almost any large manufacturing establishment might be considered a nuisance in a City.

It appeared in evidence, that gas manufactories were not considered nuisances, in the large European cities. It is also evident, that the parties to the contract under consideration, were not to consider the gas works as a nuisance in the City unless improperly conducted.

On this point, the contract expressly stipulated, that the Company should, before the twelfth day of May, 1825, erect, establish, and complete, in the city good and sufficient buildings, works and aparatus, for the preparing and manufacture [of] gas. All that the contract provides for in relation to a nuisance, has reference to the mode of conducting the works, and is in the words following, to wit: "And also that the said parties of the second part, will so conduct the manufactory, or manufactories of gas, as not to create a nuisance." It fully appeared from personal inspection by some of the members of your Committee as well as from other testimony, that the manufactories of

the New York Gas Light Company, were conducted with care and cleanliness; and it was proved to your Committee, that the works here, of the New York Gas Light Company, for the manufacture of gas from rosin, are, as now conducted far less offensive than similar establishments for the manufacture of Gas from coal as now conducted in the City of London.

[256] In relation to the Pipes, it was proved that the New York Gas Light Company used great care by testing each pipe by hydrostatic pressure, and also in joining, cementing and laying the same; and in all cases, endeavouring to discover and remedy every accidental escape of Gas as early as possible.

Your Committee also patiently attended to the examination of Witnesses, on other points which were claimed to be implied breaches of the Companys contract, and matters coming under the supervision of the Common Council, as guardians of the public weal. They consented to extend their examination to such matters, although not contained in the contract, in consequence of a desire expressed by the company's agents, to invite and meet a full investigation of all their concerns. The agents of the Company were examined under oath and their accounts vouchers and statements laid before your Committee. From the result of the testimony it fully appears, that the Gas delivered to customers is all measured with meters, made and tested with great care; that the quantity indicated by the meter, cannot be greater than the quantity which has actually passed through the measure; that no deception in the quality of the gas, as now made from rosin, has by no means deteriorated from the quality of the Gas first made from rosin, and when it was sold at a higher price.

[257] No proof has been adduced to shew that better Gas could be furnished at less or even at the present rates; but from the accounts, statements, and annual Reports of the officers and clerks of the company verefied by oath, it was shown to the conviction of your Committee, in relation to exorbitance of charges and profits, that the company could not afford to reduce their price for gas, without an increase of custom from the public.

It was also proved by the testimony of the manager that the Company were losers to the amount of fifteen dollars per year, for every public lamp furnished by them with gas under their contract with the Corporation; and it was shown that the price paid per annum, for lighting each public Lamp with coal gas, in Baltimore was Ten dollars, and in London about Twenty five dollars, while the Corporation here pay the company but Five dollars and twenty five cents per Lamp.

In relation to the benefit which it is suggested would result to the Public, from creating more Gas companies for the purpose of competition, it has been shown by the result of an investigation made by Commissioners in the City of London, and instituted by the British Parliment that serious evils grew out of the operations of different Gas Companies in the same district, the breaking up of the pavement for two sets of mains [in] the place of one the confusion and disorder produced by pipes crossing and intersecting each other, the disputes and delay in identifying [258] leakages, altogether became so great an inconvenience that it proved absolutely necessary to separate and confine the different companies to different districts, which distinct separation was accordingly made of the different Companies; and all the latter grants made by Parliment for the metropolis to new Companies, have been confined to particular and exclusive sections of the City.

The New York Gas Light Company have as before stated, invested a large amount of Capital—Their works have now been in operation between five and six years, and during the whole of that period, by the judicious management and care of the persons in their employ, the difficulty and somewhat dangerous process of preparing and distributing the gas, have been carried on without a single failure of any consequence, in supplying the necessary quantity of Gas, and without any accident affecting in the slightest degree the person or property of any of the Citizens.

In conclusion, your Committee, remark, that although they have devoted an unusual degree of time and labour to the investigation, they have not been able to discover any such breach, on the part of the old company, of the contract entered into by them with the Corporation, as would justify the Common Council, in annulling or revoking the grant.

The following Resolution is therefore submitted.

[259] Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

James I Roosevelt Junr
G. Lee
W Seaman
Fyler Dibblee.

Alderman Stevens presented the following amendment to be added to the Report "But that the Common Council in passing this Resolution neither admit the correctness of the facts as stated in the above Report nor do they admit the correctness of the conclusions stated in the Report at which the Committee have arrived. Debates arose

thereon and Alderman Wells moved to divide the sentence taking a Question upon the correctness of the facts, separate from the conclusion drawn from the Report which was agreed to, And the question being taken on the first part it passed in the Negative—The question was then taken on the latter part of the sentence relative to the conclusions drawn from the Report which was carried in the Affirmative.

The Question was then taken on the Resolution as amended Viz[t] "That the Common Council do not admit the correctness of the conclusions stated in the Report at which the Committee have arrived" and was agreed to—And on the question upon the Report, Resolution and Amendment, the whole was agreed to.

[260] The Counsel presented the following Report on Three Leases for Thomas Blanch

The Counsel of the Board herewith presents Three Leases drawn to Thomas Blanch for Lots and pieces of Land sold on the 13[th] of October 1828 for Assessments and for which the said Thomas Blanch holds Certificates.

The following Resolution is respectfully submitted

"Resolved that the above mentioned Leases be authenticated in the usual maner during the recess of the Board"

Respectfully submitted

R Emmet

Which was read and Adopted and the Leases ordered to be executed during the recess of the Board.

Alderman Strong presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Police Committee.

Resolved that the Office of Street Inspector of the Sixth Ward, be and the same is hereby declared vacant, and that this Board now proceed to appoint a suitable person to fill said vacancy.

[261] Alderman Woodruff presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committee to inquire into the propriety of having the Side walks of Orange street paved from Prince street to the termination about 200 feet.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Communication relative to the repaving part of James street.

The Street Commissioner respectfully represents that in consequence of the filling of James Slip the surface Waters of James street and parts of Cherry & Water streets are deposited at the former head

of the Slip at Water street, and will be rendered impassible during the ensuing winter.

In order to remedy the evil, it is suggested that the pavement of so much of James street between Cherry street and the Southerly side of Water street be taken up and paved on such regulation as to cast the water over the surface to South street—And that the same may be carried into immediate effect, it is respectfully recommended that the Street Commissioner adopt the necessary measures therefor, And that an Ordinance be passed accordingly.

All which is respectfully submitted

R Graves S$^{t}$ Comm$^{r}$

[262] Which was approved and the Street Commissioner was directed to Report an Ordinance therefor.

He accordingly presented the following Ordinance.

An Ordinance for repaving James street between Cherry street and Water street which was passed and John Slidell, Reuben Munson and Jedediah B Leister was Appointed Assessors.

The Board then Adjourned to meet on Monday the 1$^{st}$ of November at 5 OClock P M.

[263] In Common Council Nov$^{r}$ 1$^{st}$ 1830

Present The Honb$^{l}$ Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
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| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| William W Mott | William Mandeville |
| Samuel Stevens | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D Strong | Joseph W Beadle |
| William Seaman | John Rogers |
| Benjamin M Brown | Thomas Jeremiah |
| James N Wells | Fyler Dibblee |
| Bernard J Meserole | Peter Cooper |
| David Marsh | *Thomas Jeremiah* |
| Gideon Lee | Philip W Engs |
| James Palmer | |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last regular and Special Meetings were read and approved

On Motion the Finance Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the 12$^{th}$ Ward

for increase [264] of Lamps & Watch and referred to the Lamp and Watch Committees.

A Petition of Sarah Tilford widow of Robert Tilford stating that while her late husband was in the discharge of his duty as a Watchman he was so much injured that it caused his Death, and praying the Common Council to grant her some assistance was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

An Invitation from the Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association to hear the Report of the concern read on Tuesday evening 2d Inst at 7 OClock was read and accepted.

A Communication from John Hunter Agent of the Commissioners of the Alms House suggesting some alteration in the Law relative to the Commutation of Alien Passengers was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors respecting Blank forms of Notices to be furnished to the Assessors of the respective wards, was laid before the Common Council agreeably to a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[265] A Petition of sundry owners of property in Ann street for extension of widening said Street from Nassau street to the property of Mr Patton was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Samuel L Mitchell & others against taking India Wharf for public purposes was read and referred to the Finance Committee together with a Report of the Finance Committee of the 11th of October and then Laid on the Table.

A Petition of Charles Darke for Stall No 24 Fulton Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of William J Pell for transfer of Stall in Clinton Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Jabez Fisher to be employed as Driver of the Carriage to convey Prisoners to and from Bridewell, was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

A Petition of Reynolds Sherman & others to have 16th Street opened from 8th Avenue to the Hudson River was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[266] A Petition of William L Morris and others for the removal of the 9th & 11th Ward Justices Court to the corner of Bowery & Bleecker streets was read and referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 9th & 11th Wards.

A Petition of Bernard McCafferty for payment on Account of a Contract for regulating and filling Sixth street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John McGuire to be relieved from the payment of a fine for selling Liquors without Licence, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Martin to be relieved from the payment of personal Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of C D Colden and others who advanced the Funds for Building the Rotunda to have the Lease of the same renewed to them on just and equitable terms, was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Committee on Public Offices.

[267] A Remonstrance of Abraham Bishop & others, also of Benjamin Loweree & others against the extension of the Lease of the Williamsburgh Ferry Company were read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of Robert Purchase to be appointed a City Weigher was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Garret Conkright to be relieved from the payment of a judgment obtained against him for selling liquors without a Licence (as alledged) was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Lyons to be reinstated in his Office as Keeper of the Battery was read and referred to the Committee on Lands & Places.

A request was received from Peter Ogilvie Junr to be excused acting as Inspector of Election of the 13th Ward, but it was not considered expedient to take any order thereon.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen, the resignations [268] were accepted and appointments made.

Fire Engine Co

No 4

Isaac V Austin—Chair Maker 92 Chrystie St

Vo George W Gordon Resigned

No 12

Samuel Radcliff Printer 196 William St To fill the Company.

No 13

John W Shiply Accountant Franklin square } To fill Company
Caswell Bates Merchant 18 Roosevelt St }

N° 15

Abraham W Lyon Carpenter 77 Bowery— To fill Company

N° 16

Archibald M^cKibbin Grocer 34 Henry S^t } To fill the
Benjamin R Guest—Cabinet Maker C^r Jay & Hudson S^t } Company

N° 23

William Dobson—Mason 22 North Moore S^t
V^c John Westervelt—Time Expired

N° 25

John D Ryer Tobacconist Reed St—
Isaac Storm D° 34 Robinson S^t } To fill the Company
William Melious D° Chapel S^t

N° 28.

George W Mildeberger Broker Hammond S^t } to fill the Company
William Jackson Shoemaker Chapple S^t

[269] N° 30

Crandell Rich—Blacksmith Rivington S^t
V^c Gideon Carstang—Resigned

N° 37

Cornelius O Requa Shoemaker cor Walker & Orch^d S^t } To fill
John Van Horn J^r } Company

N° 44

Thomas Dickinson—Ship Carpenter Co^r Rivington & Lewis S^t
V^c William Herrick Resigned
Robert Penny—Ship Carpenter 266 Stanton S^t
V^c Berrian Morris—Resigned
William H *Burrill* [Burritt]—Mason 268 Delancy S^t
V^c Robert M^cVoy—Resigned

N° 48

William Mott—Grocer 15^th Street— To fill the Company

The Chief Engineer presented a Report against James Brennan Foreman of Fire Engine C° N° 11 for improper conduct was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances of correcting sundry nuisances

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances. Viz[t]

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| No 1. | Francis Fagan | Lessee | | 167 Orange St | Cow Stable |
| 2. | John Watts | owner | between | 21 & 25th Streets | Lots |
| 3. | [270] Peter G Stuyvesant | " | " | 16th & 22d " | Do |
| 4. | Do | " | " | 12th & 14th " | Do |
| 5. | William Baird | " | " | 23d & 24th " | Do |
| 6. | C & H Wilkes | " | " | 22d & 23d " | Do |
| 7. | B. T. Cruger | " | " | 24th & 25th " | Do |
| 8. | George Wright | " | | E side Sullivan St | Do |
| 9. | Samuel Corp | " | | Do Thompson | Do |
| 10. | Ruth Broome | " | | 149 Greenwich St | A privy |

I Warren
City Inspector

Which were passed

The Council presented the following Report of Two Leases on Certificates.

The Counsel to the Board respectfully presents herewith Two Leases for Lots sold for Assessments on the 13th October 1828 and which have not been redeemed.

The said Leases are drawn to John Allan and George Lovett respectively they being the purchasers at the sale to whom certificates were given.

The following Resolution is respectfully submitted.

Resolved that the Leases above mentioned be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board—Respectfully submitted

R Emmet

[271] Whereupon the Leases were directed to be executed.

The Comptroller presented a Report stating that he had examined the Treasurers Accounts also his account with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for Six months to the 1st Instant, and that he had found them correct, was read and directed to be filed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Return of Delinquents on Assessments Viz[t]

For repaving Mulberry street between Cross and Walker streets—Warrant to issue to Thomas Cottrell the Collector thereof.

Also for regulating 7th Street from 1st Avenue to Avenue A

For repaving Suffolk street from Division to Hester Street & Hester street from Norfolk to Suffolk street.

For a Well & Pump in William near Cedar Street

& For a Well & Pump near the corner of Greenwich and Hubert streets—Warrants directed to issue to John Hanmer the Collector thereof.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Viz[t]

[272] For laying side walks in Governeur street between Henry & Water streets and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For a Well & Pump in Crosby street near Houston street and John Hanmer appointed Collector

For building sewer in, and Repaving Stone street from Broad street to Coenties Lane and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For repaving Vesey street from Washington to West street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector

For repaving Duane street from Chatham to William street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For widening the Side walks of Elizabeth street from Walker to Grand street and repaving the Carriage way from Walker to Hester street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For repaving William street from Pearl to Duane street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

[273] The Report of the Ferry Committee on the applications relative to Williamsburgh Ferry which was Laid on the Table, and made the order of the day at this Meeting was on Motion of Alderman Mott called up and read in the words following Viz[t]

The Committee on Ferries to whom was referred the several petitions of Long Island Farmers and others in relation to the Williamsburgh Ferry

Respectfully Report.

That, owing to the repeated application which have [been] made from time to time on this subject, the Committee have deemed it proper to make a full investigation into the matters referred to by the petitioners; and in order to arrive at a just decision, have examined minutely into the management and affairs of the ferry, since it has been held by the present owners.

The Committee find that the original Lease of this ferry was granted to the late David Dunham deceased, for the term of 21 years, the rent was for the 1[st] seven years $75, 2[d] seven years $150, 3[d] seven years $250,

In it the Leesee covenanted to run two Team Boats, and the Corporation covenanted, " not to establish or grant during the continuance of the term any Ferry between Grand street and the foot of Twelfth

street on the East River, nor between Grand street and the limits of the grant made to Samuel Evans," (at the foot of [274] Walnut street) Mr Dunham conveyed to the Corporation his interest in the docks wharves &c at the foot of Delancy street which was considered an equivalent for the exclusive grant of the Ferry for the Period of the Lease.

By subsequent conveyances this lease became vested in the Williamsburgh Ferry Company. By an arrangement between the Corporation and the Company it was afterward agreed, that Steam should be substituted for Team Boats; and on the 8th of October 1827, the Company surrendered the old Lease, and the Corporation executed a new one, for the unexpired part of the term of the prior lease vizt fifteen years and three months from the first day of February 1827 the rent being the same as under the former Lease; that is to say, for the 1st year and 3 Months $75, next seven years $150, next seven years $250.

By this Lease the Company covenanted, to run two good and substantial Steam Ferry Boats on the Ferry and the same exclusive grant is given to the Company as in the first Lease.

The present owners of the Lease are Henry Remsen, Reuben Withers, James M Halsey, John L Graham, Daniel Jackson, Anthony V Winans, Miles Hitchcock and Silas Butler—These individuals being large stock holders in the [275] Williamsburgh Ferry Company, were compelled in order to comply with the requirements of the last lease, and to put the Ferry in proper condition, to advance and expend, of their own private funds, upwards of 25.000 dollars. Subsequently, the lease of the Ferry and all the other property of the Company have been sold, and they were compelled to purchase the same, in order to protect themselves. That the sums so advanced, added to the actual amount of their stock in the Williamsburgh Ferry Company, amount to upwards of $68.000, and which is the true cost of the ferry to them. That the said owners have derived no income from their investment, and that the revenue from the ferry has been scarcely sufficient to defray its curent expences.

The Committee are convinced, that the owners have fairly discharged their obligations under the Lease of the Ferry, and that the public have been greatly benefitted by their enterprise and exertions.

No just cause of complaint exists to the Knowledge or belief of the Committee, as it respects the strict and proper performance of all the engagements of the owners under the present Lease; but the want of a third Boat on the Ferry is imperiously required for the public

convenience. The Committee after giving the subject full consideration feel satisfied that the Petitioners are correct in stating that two Boats [276] should be Kept constantly and uninterruptedly running at the Ferry; and that it cannot be effected unless the owners have Three Boats, which would enable them at all times, to supply the place of any Boat rendered unfit for use by accident or the want of repair— The Committees is satisfied that the income of the Ferry, does not justify the owners in incurring the Cost of another Boat, without the prospect of indemnity, by an extension of their privileges, and that it would be unjust and illiberal towards the present owners, to ask or expect, with a certainty of heavy loss upon their present investment, that they should voluntarily increase it for the sole purpose of accommodating the Publi[c].

The Committee deeming the Public convenience as the primary object to be considered in respect to matters of this nature, are of opinion that it is expedient and proper with a view to meet the present exigency, to grant a new Lease of the said Ferry to the present owners for nine years, to commence at the expiration of the present Lease, at an annual rent of Six hundred Dollars; it being a condition that the present Lessees shall, *or* [on] or before the first day of June next, procure and put upon the said Ferry a third Steam Boat; that they shall at [all] times, until the termination of the Lease so extended own three good and sufficient Boats, [277] and Keep two constantly running at the said Ferry, and that the Corporation shall have the right to require the owners after the term of the present Lease is expired to run one of said Boats from or above Stanton street, the said new Lease in all other respects to resemble the present one. The Committee therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel to the Board prepare a Lease to the present owners of the Lease of the Williamsburgh Ferry for the said extended term of nine years, in conformity with the aforegoing Report, and that the same be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

B J Meserole
Wm W Mott
John Rogers

The Remonstrances against said Report presented this evening were also called up and read; A Motion was made to refer the same back to the Committee which was negatived—Alderman Stevens then moved that the Report be amended by adding at the close of the report on the 4th line after the words "to run" "one Boat from or above

Stanton street independant of the Two Boats, running constantly from Grand street." Which was agreed to—The Question was then taken on the Report as Amended, A Division having been called the Members voted as follows

[278] In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Mott Lamb Strong Seaman B M Brown Meserole Lee Mr Seymour Arcularius Bedel Rogers Jeremiah Engs 15

In the Negative Ald Stevens Wells Marsh Palmer Woodruff Mr Mandeville Bryson Dibblee Cooper Lovett 10

So it was carried in the Affirmative Mr Dibblee gave Notice of Reconsideration at the next Meeting of the Board.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Solomon Ingersoll & others against the Assessment for the Bulk head at James Slip presented the following Report against the Petition.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Soloman Ingersoll remonstrating against the Assessment [279] for the Bulk head at James Slip.

Respectfully Report.

That Mr Ingersoll appeared before the Committee and stated that he was Assessed for the Bulk head at James Slip in the sum of Seventy five dollars for his property corner of South Street & James Slip, and that he was of opinion that his property had been injured rather than benefited by filling in the said Slip.

The Committee examined the Assessors who stated to their satisfaction, that the Assessment was reasonable and just, and they are of opinion that Mr Ingersoll is mistaken in the effect of the improvement—As no other person has remonstrated against the Assessments, and as the same appears to be apportioned with a proper regard to the rights of individuals, the Committee are of opinion that it ought to be confirmed. They offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Assessment for a Bulk Head at James Slip be and the same is hereby confirmed.

George D Strong
Jon[a] Seymour
Henry Arcularius

Whereupon the Assessment was confirmed and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Halliday [280] Executor of the Estate of the late Margaret Douglass for relief from an erroneous personal Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Halliday, executor of the Estate of the late Margaret Douglass Deceased, for relief from an erroneous Tax.

Respectfully Report.

That Mr Halliday appeared before the Committee and testified, that the Estate of the late Mrs Douglass deceased was Taxed for personal property on the sum of $250,000, and that the personal estate of the Deceased, did not amount to more than $60.000—He further stating that being absent from the City, he in haste came in Town two days previous to the Assessors Books of the 9th Ward being closed, with an Affidavit which is hereto annexed, stating the personal property of the said Estate to only amount to $65,000; that he went to the place where the assessed advertised that their Books were open, several times each day without being able to find the Assessors or procure access to their Books, and that he used every diligence to have the deduction made by the Assessors without being able to see them or the Books.

As it appears that the Error did not arise from any neglect on the part of Mr Halliday but occurred [281] from the inattention of the Assessors, The Committee believe him entitled to relief as he desires—The Certificate of the Assessors hereto annexed acknowledges the error and states that if the information had been received, they would have reduced the Tax—They offer the following Resolution—Resolved that the Tax on the personal property of the Estate of Mrs Magaret Douglass deceased in the 9th Ward be reduced from that on $250,000 to that on $65,000, and that the surplus be placed among the errors of personal Taxes for 1830.

George D Strong
Jona Seymour
Henry Arcularius
Thomas Jeremiah

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Comptroller presented the following Cash Account.

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| Balance as per Account 18th October | $20.72 |
| Recd for Tax of 1830 | 12.500. |
| " " Rents | 4.081.40 |
| " " Commutation Alien Passengers | 564. |
| " " Justices Courts | 180.90 |
| " " County Contingencies | 126.38 |
| " " Wells & Pumps | 119.85 |

Rec[d] for Mayoralty fees ..... 43.
Loan of Mechanics Bank authorised 18[th] Oc[r] balance..... 21.600.

$40,655.07

[282] 94 Accounts Audited & directed to be paid

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| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch | 1[st] | Dist[t]..... | | | | | $1386. |
| Astin & Field | " | 2[d] | " | ..... | | | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring | " | 3[d] | " | ..... | | | 945. |
| J Morton Clerk C C | | | 1 Qu[r] | Salary | 1 | Nov[r]..... | 500. |
| A B Martling Keeper City Hall | | | | " | " | ..... | 250. |
| H Storms Inspector of Hacks | | | | " | 2[d] | Nov[r]..... | 200. |
| D D Williamson Messenger | | | | " | 26[th] | Oct[r]..... | 125. |
| John Ahern Clerk Mayors Office | | | | " | 1 | Nov[r]..... | 125. |
| Astin & Higbee Ass[t] Keepers City Hall | | | 1 | Mo | " | ..... | 77.50 |
| C Myers Keeper Pottersfield | | | | " | " | ..... | 69.75 |
| O Ayres Ass[t] City Inspector | | | | " | " | ..... | 58.50 |
| J. Coffin | Do | | | " | " | ..... | 58.50 |
| D. J. Burger regulating Public Clock | | | 1 | Q[r] | " | ..... | 50. |
| T Astin | Street Inspector | 1[st] | Ward | 1 | Mo | " ..... | 46.50 |
| T Woolcocks | Do | 2[d] | " | " | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| J. B Ebbetts | Do | 3[d] | " | " | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| N B Lyon | Do | 4[th] | " | " | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| I. A Isaacs | Do | 5[th] | " | " | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| A Morris | Do | 6[th] | " | " | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| F. Gantz | Do | 7[th] | " | " | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| W. G Babb | Do | 8[th] | " | " | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| H B Roome | Do | 9[th] | " | " | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| T Austin | Do | 10[th] | " | " | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| A Hatfield | Do | 11[th] | " | " | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| E Kingsland | Do | 12[th] | " | " | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| D Hubbard | Do | 13[th] | " | " | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| P. Field, | Do | 14[th] | " | " | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| [283] John Levridge for settlement of suits against Bail of Mersereau ..... | | | | | | | 7066.23 |
| A B Martling Expences at City Hall | | | | 1 | Q[r] | 1 Nov[r] | 336.14 |
| J. Pinckney Ass[t] Board of Health | | | | 1 | Mo | " | 52. |
| A Parker | Do | | | | " | " | 52. |
| J. Coffin Ass[t] City Inspector remov[g] Nuisances | | | | | " | " | 53.50 |
| G Duryea Clerk Fulton Market & Sweeper | | | | | " | " | 103.67 |
| L Baum Clerk Washington | | | " | | " | " | 80.67 |
| J Bremner Clerk Catharine | | | " | | " | " | 62. |
| J. Gilbert Clerk Clinton & Greenwich | | | " | | " | " | 59. |
| J Martine Clerk Tompkins | | | " | | " | " | 58.50 |
| J M Devoy Clerk 3 | | | " | | " | " | 58.50 |
| S Fleet Clerk Centre | | | " | | " | " | 56.75 |
| R Smith Clerk Franklin | | | " | | " | " | 38.75 |
| J Seaman Clerk Manhattan | | | " | | " | " | 31. |

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| J M Bloodgood | Sweeping Streets | | 1 Qr | Salary 1 Novr | 375. |
| D. T. Valentine | Marshal Marine Court | | 1 Mo | " | 32.50 |
| J Hammond | Justice | 1. 2. 3 Wards | 1 Qur | " | 400. |
| E Morrell | " | 4. 6 " | " | " | 400. |
| H Meigs | " | 5. 8. 14 " | " | " | 400. |
| H Scovell | " | 7. 10. 13 " | " | " | 400. |
| A Woodward | " | 9. 11 " | " | " | 400. |
| D M Cowdrey | Clerk | 1. 2. 3 " | " | " | 187.50 |
| P. Lee | " | 5. 8. 14 " | " | " | 187.50 |
| R L Jaques | " | 9. 11 " | " | " | 187.50 |
| R Varick | Rent of Court Room | 1. 2. 3 Wards | " | " | 60. |
| H M Britten | Do | 5. 8. 14 " | 6 Mo | " | 125. |
| Wm M Whitaker | Do | 7. 10. 13 " | 1 Qr | " | 25. |

[284] S Judd 29 Casks Oil ..... 1396.95
G Snethen lightt Lamps & stopping Gas 1 Mo 1 Novr 1478.85
R Provoost painting & Glazing Lamps & Gas Lights do 95.66
J Dunn & Sons repairing Gas Lamps ..... 9.87
Devlin & Tally filling sundry Lots ordered 26 July & 23 August Lien ..... 234.10
Elizabeth Pearson widow of Thos Pearson bal of Intestate Estate ..... 17.79
John F Sibell Stationary 6 Mo 1 Novr ..... 399.98
Office of Courier & Enquirer Subscription 6 Mo 1 Octr ... 50.
Office of Mercantile Advertiser do Do 1 Novr .. 50.
Abm Leggett Superdt Mud Scow 2 weeks to 31st Octr ..... 131.15
Wm Hockman repairs to Piers 19. 22. 26. 27. 32 North River 805.84
T Cumming Actt pavg 13th Street fm 3d to 5th Avenue ..... 1000.
Estate of A Polhemus by A Bloodgood Awd widening Jacob St 930.
Estate of Jas Millet by E Cowenhoven Do Do 51.
John Hunn Lessee Do Do 10.
Thos W Ludlow Mortgage on Estate Adelia D Pell interest by D Codwise Awd opening McDougall fm 6th to 8th St.. 934.82
T Cummings Actt reg 18th St fm 8th to 9th Avenues ..... 200.
Est of Jas R Smith by Robt Dyson Awd openg 18th St from Bloomingdale Road to Fitz Roy road ..... 99.60
S Fargay Actt repavg South St fm Old to Coenties Slip ... 250.
P McBarren pavg side walks Centre between White & Franklin St ..... 193.54
P. Smith bal repavg Mulberry st between Cross & Walker St 190.75
R Pettigrew Actt pavg 6th St fm 2d to 3d Avenues ..... 150.
R Pettigrew pavg Hoboken St fm Washington to West St Corpn ½ ..... 74.
Wm Gee posting bills for St Commr ..... 27.81
[285] Edward Doughty Surveys &c 1 Qr 1 Octr ..... 230.99
D Harron 1st payt Well Crosby near Houston St ..... 37.62
Wm L Simers return Costs 3 Lots Scammel St 22d March 1830 redeemed ..... 21.
R Graves St Comr Expences Lands & Places ..... 250.

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| R Graves St Comr Actt McAdamizing 3d Avenue..... | 1000. | |
| West Point Foundery bal for Steam Engine Pub Reservoir | 2344.15 | |
| Fry & St John Plugs &c & valve of Tank do | 218.75 | |
| Woodruff & Barnes Actt builds around Tank Do | 1000. | |
| R Graves St Comr contingent Expences for Do | 1500. | |
| J Fleming Treasr to pay witness Ordered by Court..... | 22. | |
| S. Jones Chief Justice Superior Court 1 Qr 1 Novr..... | 625. | |
| J. O Hoffman Justice Do " " ..... | 625. | |
| T. J Oakley " Do " " ..... | 625. | |
| Geo Betts Clerk of Court 4. 6 Wards " " ..... | 187.50 | |
| Wm Young Rent for Court Do " " ..... | 32.50 | |
| A Burtis Superdt Alms House for Alms House..... | 6000. | 40.280.18 |
| Balance | | $374.89 |

The Board then adjourned to the 15th Novemr next at 5 O Clock P M.

[286] In Common Council Novemr 15th 1830

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
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| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| William W Mott | William Mandeville |
| Samuel Stevens | David Bryson |
| Isaac Brown | Henry Arcularius |
| Anthony Lamb | Peter S Townsend |
| George D Strong | William Scott |
| William Seaman | Joseph W Beadle |
| Benjamin M Brown | John Rogers |
| James N Wells | Thomas Jeremiah |
| Bernard J Meserole | Fyler Dibblee |
| David Marsh | Peter Cooper |
| Gideon Lee | John Lovett |
| Thomas T Woodruff | Philip W Engs |

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and Approved.

Unfinished business of the last Meeting was taken up.

[287] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Wilson & others for the postponement of Sales of Lands for Assessments presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Robert Wilson and sundry other persons praying for postponements of Sales of Lands for Assessments—Respectfully Report.

That the Lands of the Petitioners are among those advertised to

be sold on the 17th day of November instant—That a considerable portion of the lands thus advertised, are held by the occupants on uncertain Titles the difficulties to which are in a train of Settlement, which will probably take place in a short time, And that arrangements are making as the Committee have been informed by the owners of other portions of the said lands to pay off the Assessments upon them respectively without much delay.

Under all these circumstances the Committee have concluded to recommend that a general postponement of the sale of all the Lands now advertized should take place until the 22d day of March next, that being the day to which the sale advertized for the 18th of January last and afterwards for the 22d of March last, was postponed. The Committee recommend this Measure under a belief that many of the proprietors will thereby be saved and that previous to the day of Sale, much of the money due for these [288] Assessments will be paid in—They offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the sale of all such Lands & tenements advertized to be sold for Assessments on the 17th day of November instant and mentioned in the printed notice or advertisement hereunto annexed, upon which the Assessments have not been already paid respectively, be postponed and suspended until the 22d day of March 1831

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
Wm W Mott
Peter J Nevius
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Timothy R Green to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Timothy R Green to be relieved from an erroneous personal Tax

Respectfully Report

That Mr Green appeared before the Committee and testified that he was Assessed on his personal [289] property in the sum of Ten thousand Dollars. Whereas he is not worth any personal property.

He further stated that he had resided for several years at the same House in the Third Ward, that he is a single man who Boards with his Mother, and from the circumstance of his never having been taxed previously he did not think it necessary to call on the Assessors—The

Certificate of the Assessors corroborates his statement—As this case is in the opinion of the Committee one which demands the interference of the Board they offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax on the personal property of Timothy R Green in the Third Ward amounting to Forty one Dollars be and the same is hereby remitted.

George D Strong
Jon[a] Seymour
Henry Arcularius
Thomas Jeremiah

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John M Bletsoe [290] to be relieved from the payment of personal Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John M Bletsoe to be exonerated from the payment of personal Tax

Respectfully Report.

That M[r] Bletsoe appeared before the Committee and testified that he was quite ill during the period that the Books of the Assessors for the 9th Ward were open for examination, that he was Assessed in the said Ward on the sum of $5000, for personal property—Whereas he was not at that period worth any personal property. The certificate of the Assessors confirms his statement and the Committee offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of John M Bletsoe in the 9th Ward on $5000, be and the same is hereby remitted.

George D Strong
Jon[a] Seymour
Henry Arcularius
Tho[s] Jeremiah

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Hempstead to be relieved from an erroneous Tax presented the following [291] Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Benjamin Hempstead to be relieved from an erroneous Tax

Respectfully Report

That M[r] William H Crossman agent for M[r] Hempstead appeared before the Committee and testified that M[r] Hempstead who was last

summer absent, and is still absent from the City, has been taxed on his personal property in the sum of Twenty thousand Dollars in the Seventh Ward—He further stated that he was perfectly acquainted with the pecuniary circumstances of Mr Hempstead, who was not worth over One thousand Dollars in personal property.

The Certificate of the Assessors hereto attached states the error in the Tax, and asserts that they would have only taxed Mr Hempstead in $1000 if the information they now possess had been given while the Books were open. The Committee offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of Benjamin Hempstead in the 7th Ward be reduced from that on $20,000 to that on $1000 for the year 1829

George D Strong
Jona Seymour
Henry Arcularius
Thomas Jeremiah

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[292] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Spruce street widened between Nassau and Gold street, and also the Remonstrance against the same presented a Report against the Petition, which was read and Laid on the Table.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Franklin street Repaved between Broadway and Church street, also Petition for and Remonstrance against repaving said Street from Broadway to Chapel Street presented the following Report in favor of Repaving Franklin street from Broadway to Church street only

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have Franklin street re-paved between Broadway and Church street, and also the Petition for, and remonstrance against the repaving the said Street from Broadway to Chapel street Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion that Street ought to be re-paved between Broadway and Church street only; And accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that Franklin street be re-paved between Broadway and Church street

Thoms T Woodruff
Jno Rogers
[293] John Lovett
George D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Mrs Ann Warner for permission to extend the Stoop in front of her House in 4th Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Mrs Ann Warner for permission to extend the Stoop in front of her House in Fourth street

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioner is reasonable, inasmuch as that by an alteration of the regulation of that street it has become necessary to extend the steps of the Stoop, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the request of the Petitioner be granted.

James N Wells
Jno Rogers
R Graves.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

[294] The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the subject of placing a Well & Pump at the corner of Thompson & Bleecker street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred a Resolution of Alderman Wells to Report an Ordinance for a Well & Pump corner of Thompson and Bleecker streets respectfully Report.

That it is essential for the convenience of the neighborhood that a Well & Pump be placed near the corner of Thompson & Bleecker streets, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Well & Pump be located near the corner of Thompson & Bleecker streets

James N Wells
John Rogers
R Graves.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump corner of Bowery and Tenth street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the [295] Ninth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of William Bre-

voort and others for a Well & Pump corner of Bowery & Tenth street

Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion a Well and Pump is much needed near the corner of the Bowery and 10th Street and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is expedient to locate a Well & Pump near the corner of the Bowery and Tenth street.

James N Wells
John Rogers
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Superintendent of Repairs to whom was referred the subject of taking the Well in 21st Street between the 8th & 9th Avenues as a Public Well presented the following Report

The Superintendent of Repairs to whom the Resolution of Alderman Lee was referred respecting a Well & Pump in Twenty first street between the Eighth and Ninth Avenues beg leave to Report that he has seen the Well & Pump and found it to be a good one of sufficient size and stands in a proper site, and would recommend that it be received [296] as a Public Well and Pump

Which is respectfully submitted

Jacob P Roome Super. Repairs

Which was Approved

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the owners of the Triangular piece of Ground called "Union Place" praying said piece of Ground may be taken for public purposes presented a Report, which was read, Laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Phineas Underwood praying for compensation for Injury sustained from a Water Course running over a part of a Lot owned by him in Peter street presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Phineas Underwood praying for compensation for injury alleged to have been sustained by him from a Water Course having been made many years ago over a part of a Lot owned by him on Peter street

Respectfully Report

That this subject appears to have been brought [297] before the Common Council on two former occasions by similar applications from

the Petitioner; on both of which occasions his claim was rejected—The Committee have procured a Copy of a Report made by a former Committee of this Board, which is hereunto annexed, and which appears to have been adopted on the 19th of November 1827; And although they have given a patient hearing to the statements and agreements made on behalf of Petitioner, they have arrived at the conclusion that the view of the subject taken by such former Committee was correct—They offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Wm W Mott
P J Nevius

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted. -

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William S Champion for the Lease of a piece of ground at the N E corner of Manhattan Market Square presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee on the annexed [298] petition of William S Champion for the Lease of a piece of Ground on the North Easterly corner of the Manhattan Market square.

Respectfully Report.

That the ground for which the Petitioner applies, is part of the Market Square and is therefore not proper to be Leased out for the purpose of erecting buildings thereon, as it is contemplated to Keep the Square entire, for the future accommodations of the Market

Your Committee offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Wm W Mott
P. J. Nevius

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John R Peters & others for a Donation to aid in erecting a Building for the use of the Northern Dispensary presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John R Peters and [299] others praying for a Donation to aid in the erection of a suitable building for the use of the Northern Dispenary Respectfully Report

That the Institution in behalf of which this application is made, was founded by the exertions of public spirited & charitable individuals who have liberally contributed from their own means, not only to support the same and render it extremely useful, but to accomplish the object now in view, viz the erection of a suitable building for its operations. That such a Measure is called for, may be inferred from the fact as represented to the Committee, that about eight hundred patients applied for relief during the last Month alone. And when it is considered that the proportion of the Inhabitants of this City, to whom from its local situation, it may be deemed useful, cannot fall short of Fifty thousand.

The Committee are well convinced that from private contribution alone, the laudable object of the applicants cannot be attained; and viewing this species of Charity as one, not only of the most Meretorious Character, but tending directly to relieve the City from public burdens, they do not hesitate to recommend that pecuniary aid should be afforded for the purpose for which it is now asked

On a similar application recently made in favor of the Institution called the City [300] Dispensary, this Board on the recommendation of the Finance Committee granted a Donation of Twenty five hundred Dollars—Your Committee under a belief that the present applicants represent an Institution not far behind the City Dispensary in prospective usefulness, but less favored in respect to the chances of pecuniary Aid from private subscription, have concluded that the sum of Two thousand dollars would be a suitable and well bestowed Donation out of the City Treasury to assist them in their present undertaking.

They offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller Report a Warrant in favor of John R Peters Esq$^{r}$ as Chairman of the building Committee of the Northern Dispensary for the sum of Two thousand Dollars to aid in the erection of a suitable building for that Institution.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
P. J Nevius.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of David Bryson for the purchase of a small Gore of Land on 11th Street [301] presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the application of David Bryson for the purchase of a small Gore of Land on Eleventh street

Respectfully Report

That the Gore applied for by Mr Bryson, adjoins his property and became the property of the Corporation by the proceedings for opening Eleventh street at the price of Fifteen dollars and sixteen Cents— The Committee are of opinion that this application should be granted and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel to the Board prepare a Deed to the said David Bryson for the Gore above mentioned on his paying the above sum of $15,1\%_{00}$ and expences, and that such Deed be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

W Seaman
Benjn M Brown
G Lee
Wm W Mott
P J Nevius

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Evans offering to give a Deed to the Corporation for certain Lots upon [302] being released from the Assessments thereon presented a Report which was read Laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the application of David P Hall for the apportionment of a certain Assessment on a piece of Land situate on 5th Street between Avenue C & D presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee on the application of David P Hall, for the Division of a certain Assessment, on a piece of Land situated on 5th Street between Avenues C & D Respectfully Report

That in the Assessment for opening 5th Street a piece of Land marked as No 35 on the Commissioners Map and comprising 22 Lots & having a front of 443 feet on the Street was Assessed in the sum of $93,\%_{00}$, and charged as belonging to Alfred S Pell, which Assessment remains unpaid—It appears that the Petitioner is the owner of 3 Lots being 75 feet, of the above mentioned Land, and is willing and

desirous, to pay the just proportion of Assessment, with interest and cost of advertising, chargeable against his Three Lots, which in the judgment of your Committee, is a fair and [303] reasonable proposition, and they offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Collector receive from David P Hall the sum of $15,$^{75}/_{100}$ as Assessment $4,$^{44}/_{100}$ as interest & 40 Cents cost of advertising, being the amount chargeable on his three Lots, and thereupon to give him the said David P Hall a receipt in full for his proportion of the said Assessment.

All which is respectfully submitted

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Wm W Mott
P. J. Nevius

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Michael Tally for balance due him for paving Troy street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Michael Tally praying that the Balance due him for paving Troy street may be paid to him Respectfully Report.

That the Assessment for paving Troy street was confirmed on the 5th of April last, That the Total amount of Mr Tallys contract for the same [304] was $801,94 and that he has already received on Account the sum of $350 leaving a balance of $451,94 still due to him.

The Committee are of opinion that it would be just to pay this Balance to the Petitioner—They offer the following Resolution therefore.

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of Michael Tally for the said sum of $451,94 in payment of the above account

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Wm W Mott
P. J. Nevius

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Pettigrew for the whole or part of the money due him on his

contract for filling up and regulating 5th Street from Avenue A to Avenue C presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Pettigrew praying that the whole or part of the money due to him [305] on his contract for filling up and regulating Fifth street from Avenue A to Avenue C may be paid to him

Respectfully Report

That Mr Pettigrews contract was entered into in the year 1828 and the Assessment confirmed on the 28th of June last—That the whole amount due upon the Contract is $27873.16, no part of which has been as yet received by Mr Pettigrew

The Committee have ascertained that on the faith of this contract, and in order to enable him to complete the same, the Petitioner has obtained a large accommodation at one of the Banks for which he is now actually paying interest, and that unless he obtains relief from the Corporation, he will be seriously embarrassed if not ruined in his circumstances—It has been represented to them that the sum of $10,000 would relieve him from his present difficulty; And the Committee consider it a matter of justice to a Meritorious Man who has faithfully performed his contract that the present application should be complied with to that extent.

They offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller Report a Warrant in favor of Robert Pettigrew for the sum of Ten thousand Dollars as a payment on account of his Contract for filling up and regulating Fifth street from Avenue A to Avenue C.

[306] W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Wm W Mott
P. J Nevius

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Lattimer for the payment of a sum of money in consideration of Work done in the year 1824 by her late husband on the 10th Avenue presented the following Report against the same

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Lattimer praying for a sum of money in consideration of Work done in the year 1824 by her late husband on the Tenth Avenue Respectfully Report

That from the facts set forth in the Petition it appears that the work for which compensation is now asked, was done by Mr Lattimer in pursuance of an Agreement with certain owners of Land adjoining the Tenth Avenue, and that the Corporation are in no respect legally bound to pay any thing on account of such work. Under these circumstances although the case may be a hard one, for those who represent Mr Lattimers estate, the Committee [307] do not feel themselves authorised to recommend that any money should be paid on this application and they offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
Peter J Nevius

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joshua D Waterman for a reduction of rent or extension of the Lease of 16 Lots between Washington, West King and Charlton streets presented a Report in favor of extending the Leases which was read and Laid on the Table.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Forgay for the payment of Balances due him for paving 2d Avenue & 2d Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee on the annexed Petition of Samuel Forgay for the payment of the balances due him for paving the second Avenue, from First to Fifth street, and for paving Second street from the Bowery to Avenue A

Beg leave to Report

[308] They find the Petitioner has completed his contracts a considerable time since and the Assessments made, have been in part collected, and paid to him, that there is now due to him on the Assessment for paving the Second Avenue a balance of $160,$^{92}/_{100}$ and on the Assessment for paving Second street a balance of $1354 $^{87}/_{100}$ That all the legal requisites pointed out by the Law, have been taken, and the property on which the Assessments remain unpaid, are now advertised by order of the Common Council to collect the same

Your Committee are of opinion that the application made by the

Petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller draw Warrants in favor of Samuel Forgay for the balances due him agreeably to the above Report.

All which is respectfully submitted

Wm W Mott
Peter J Nevius
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in King [309] street between McDougal & Varick streets presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed Petition for a Well & Pump to be placed in King street between McDougal and Varick streets Respectfully Report

That in their opinion a Well & Pump is much required at that place, and therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a Pump placed therein in King street between McDougal street and Varick street.

Benjamin M Brown
Joseph W Beadle
R Graves.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions of several persons for the Office of City Measurer presented the following Report in favor of appointing Abraham Guest

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the several Petitions for the Office of City Measurer Respectfully Report

That they have received the resignation of Samuel Johnston a City Measurer and after [310] duly considering the respective claims of the applicants have concluded to recommend Mr Abraham Guest who is an applicant & considered competent to fill said Office, And recommend the Adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that Abraham Guest be and he is hereby appointed Measurer of Grain &c

Respectfully submitted
B J Meserole
Peter J Nevius
John Lovett

Which was approved the Resolution adopted and Abraham Guest was accordingly appointed a City Measurer.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the several Petitions for the Office of City Weigher presented the following Report in favor of appointing Samuel Nelson.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the several Petitions for the Office of City Weigher Respectfully Report.

That Mr Isaac Auld has resigned his Office as City Weigher and your Committee have selected from the applicants Mr Samuel Nelson as a fit and proper person to fill said Office

And Recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

[311] Resolved that Samuel Neilson be and he is hereby appointed a City Weigher

Respectfully submitted
B. J. Meserole
Peter J Nevius
John Lovett

Which was approved the Resolution adopted and Samuel Neilson was accordingly appointed City Weigher.

Alderman Strong presented the following Resolution which was read and Adopted

Resolved that the Committee on Public Offices and Repairs be directed to procure Three Stoves suitable for burning Coal, to be placed in the Debtors Jail and that the sum of Fifty dollars be appropriated to the above object.

A Petition of the Members of Fire Engine Company No 16 for a New Engine, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Keeper of the City Prison & Bridewell presented his Monthly return of Persons confined in said place was read and referred to the Police Committee.

[312] The Clerk of the City & County presented a Return of the Election for Collectors in the 12th & 13th Wards by which it appeared

that Henry T Boyle was elected Collector of the 12th Ward, And Lewis Murdock Collector of the 13th Ward which were read and ordered to be filed, And the Clerk directed to notice said persons to appear at the Comptrollers Office give Bonds according to Law and receive the Assessment Books for the year 1830.

A Petition of Gershom Mills a Watchman for some pecuniary relief, he having lost the use of his limbs in the service of the Public, was read and referred to the Watch Commíttee.

A Petition of Samuel G Ogden for relief from the payment of a Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of the Secretary of the University for permission to hold the Meetings of the Council in the Rotunda was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices with powers.

A Petition of Nathaniel Jarvis & others Masters of Vessels for permission to lay at Spring street Basin was read and referred to the [313] Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of William & G Post & others to have Walnut street widened and the name altered was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of David Y Wheeler for time to pay Assessment for Pump in Second street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance of Nicholas Fish and others against paving Third street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Edward Lyde & John McComb Trustees &c of Henry Spingler to have Assessment postponed on Lots in Fourteenth street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance of Garret Cronkright against opening Sixteenth street was read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of N C Hart & others to have the Bowery regulated from 14th to 16th Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[314] A Letter was received from John Leveridge Esquire enclosing a statement showing how he had disposed of the moneys placed in his hands to settle the Claim of the State of New Jersey against the sureties of Joshua Mersereau late Deputy Sheriff of Richmond County. The same being read was referred to the Law Committee.

A Petition of John Odell for relief from damage sustained by the digging [of] Hamilton Hill on 3d Avenue was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of John Hinton & others to have the Amount for the Earth taken from Eighth Avenue deducted from the Assessment for paving said Avenue was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the 12th Ward to have Tenth Avenue regulated was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Mary Roberts to be compensated for the use of her ground adjoining the Reservoir was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

[315] Two Memorials from a number of persons against extending the Lease of the Williamsburgh Ferry were read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of Anson G Phelps & others to have Sixth street opened from Broadway to the Bowery was read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of John A Mildeberger & others to have the side walks in Bank street paved, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Patrick Clark & others for a Well & Pump between Christopher & Amos streets in West street was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Richard D Simonson for the Office of Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of the Selectmen of Jersey City for the Loan of an Old Engine during the time they are repairing one belonging to them, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department with powers.

[316] A Petition of Masters and Owners of Vessels & Citizens in the vicinity of the new Basin at the North Battery praying the Corporation to buy out all private rights which exist in such Basin was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance of the Reformed Dutch Church, also D Fanshaw and others against opening Ann street from Nassau street to the South Easterly side of Christ Church were read & Laid on the Table.

An Application of the Justices of the Marine Court to occupy the Rotunda was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Owen Phelan for permission to continue his Book stand at the corner of South & Fulton street was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of John Woodward to be appointed a Weigher of Anthracite Coal was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

[317] The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen, the Resignations were accepted and Appointments made.

Fire Engine Co

No 4

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles J Hubbs | Merchant | 293 | Pearl St | To fill Company |
| William Corp | " | | Walker St | |
| Stephen D Thorrne | " | 124 | Division St | |
| Washington Van Wyck | " | 83 | Beekman St | |
| William Cook | Gilder | 18 | Stone Street | |

No 11

Robert Walker Junr Tinsmith 63 Water St
Vc John McDougall—Resigned

No 21

Osmer S Watkins Carver 61 Division St
Caleb F Lindsley Accountant 11 Pine St
Edward C Frazier Tinplate Worker 63 Nassau St
} To fill Company

No 23

Evan Jones—Clerk 83 White Street Vc Francis McKeon Resigned

No 24

Abraham Manee Carpenter 126 Wooster St To fill Company

[318] No 27

William Day, Mason 56 Watts st to fill Company

No 30

James Madden Blind maker 152 Bowery— to fill Company

No 32

Henry O Austin—Carpenter 88 Chrystie St
Vc Joseph Applebie Deceased

No 33

Thomas Graham—House Carpenter Rivington St
Vc Augustus Clarkson—Resigned
Isaac Bartlett—Caulker 130 Attorney St
Vc James Palmer Resigned

No 36

Harman P Vanderbeck Carpenter 224 Hudson St
Vc Edward Mead—Resigned

N° 37

Absolam Traver Grocer 226 Mulberry S$^{t}$ To fill Company

N° 40

Samuel Gosline—Glass Cutter. Co$^{r}$ Orange & Broome
V$^{c}$ Thomas Sherwood—Resigned

N° 41

Elias Dobb Brower Chair Maker 56 Charlton S$^{t}$
V$^{c}$ Watson Bowron—Resigned

N° 42

Alexander S Clifton Carver Cherry street
Nathaniel Brown Clerk Water street
Edwin H Fenner Sail Maker Roosevelt S$^{t}$
} To fill Company

[319] N° 43

Peter Goelet Merchant V$^{c}$ John Barrow Jun$^{r}$ Resigned

N° 44

John B Rowlee—Ship Carpenter 29 Avenue D
V$^{c}$ William Johnson, Resigned
William Finott—Ship Carpenter 3$^{d}$ S$^{t}$ To fill Company

N° 46

William T Welden—
Tavren Keeper 3$^{d}$ Avenue & 24$^{th}$ S$^{t}$
Joseph Brewster—
Hatter 3$^{d}$ Avenue & 32$^{d}$ St
} to fill Company

Fire Wardens C°

13$^{th}$ Ward

Charles A Whittingham Carpenter 142 Clinton S$^{t}$
V$^{c}$ William D Odell—Resigned

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for the correction of Nuisances.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz$^{t}$

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| N° 1. | Estate of Henry Hughs Dec | owner | W side Mulberry S$^{t}$ | Lots |
| 2. | William Slasson | " | Thompson Cor Bleecker | " |
| 3. | Jeremiah O Donnell | Lessee | 45 Augustus S$^{t}$ | Cow Stable |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5. John Inness | owner | 30 Howard St | | Privy |
| 6. John Gordon | " | 4 Desbrosses St | | " |
| 7. [320] Estate of J Conley Decd | " | 382 Broadway | | " |
| 8. Do | " | 381 Do | | Do |
| 9. Mary Wilson | Lessee | 91 Fulton St | | Do |
| 10. Mrs M Ludlow | owner | 26 Centre | | Do |
| 11. Patrick Doyle & wife | " | 139 Anthony St | | Do |

I Warren City Inspector

Which were passed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto Vizt

For a Well & Pump in King street between McDougall & Varick street and Abraham Bloodgood, Cornelius J Roosevelt & Pine Hopkins were appointed Assessors.

For a Well & Pump in Tenth street near the Bowery, and John Leonard, Alpheus Sherman & Cornelius Harsen appointed Assessors

For repaving Franklin street from Broadway to Church street and John Targee Abraham Quick & John Harris Appointed Assessors.

For a Well & Pump in Thompson near Bleecker street and Abraham Dally, Samuel Purdy & Peter Ogilvie were appointed Assessors.

[321] The Street Commissioner presented the following Return of Delinquents on sundry Assessments whereupon Warrants were directed to issue to the Collectors thereof.

For filling Sixth street from First Avenue to Avenue A

For paving Thirteenth street from Third to Fifth Avenue—Warrants to issue to Thomas Cottrell the Collector thereof.

For digging and regulating Eighteenth street between Eighth & Ninth Avenues

For a Well & Pump in Grove near Bleecker street.

For laying side walks in Crosby near Bleecker Street

For digging & regulating Nineteenth street between the Eighth & Ninth Avenue—Warrants to issue to John Hanmer the Collector thereof.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto, Viz

For a Well & Pump in Fourteenth street near the Sixth Avenue and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For repaving Batavia street from Roosevelt to James street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

[322] Mr Dibblee agreeably to notice given at the last Meeting moved that the Board now reconsider the Vote given upon the Report respecting the Williamsburgh Ferry, The question being taken thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative—The Remonstrances against the said Report were called up and read—A Motion was made to refer the Report of the Committee together with the Remonstrances back to the same Committee—Debates were had thereon, when upon the question being taken on the Motion it was carried in the Affirmative, and the Report and Remonstrances were referred back accordingly.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of opening Sixteenth street between Eighth Avenue and Hudson River presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee respectfully report on the petition to have Sixteenth street opened between the Eighth Avenue and the Hudson River, that in their opinion the opening [of] that street is necessary and proper and therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions.

Resolved that it is necessary for public convenience that Sixteenth Street be opened between the Eighth Avenue and the Hudson river, and [323] the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the said Matter and that the Petition for that purpose be authenticated during the recess of the Board.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
John Rogers
George D Strong

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have side walks of Wooster street paved between Bleecker and Amity street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the Side walks of Wooster street paved between Bleecker street and Amity street.

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the paving of the walks of that Street is necessary and proper and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the Side walks of Wooster street be paved from Bleecker street to Amity Street

[324] Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
John Rogers
George D Strong

Which was Approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Ann street widened from Nassau street to the House of Francis Panton presented a Report in favor of the same which was read and together with the Remonstrances against the same were referred back to the Street Committee.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Sarah Tilford widow of Robert Tilford deceased late a Watchman for some pecuniary Aid presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Watch Committee to whom was referred a Petition from Sarah Tilford widow of Robert Tilford Deceased for Assistance

Respectfully Report

That Robert Tilford the Husband of the Petitioner was a Watchman on the 1st District Watch, that on Sunday evening 24th of October last, Capt Stewart with Tilford and three other men left the Watch house accompanied by and at the request [325] of Alderman Lamb, to quell a riot in front of the African Church in Chapel street. On their return in passing Anthony street, Watch being called, Tilford ran toward the noise, and in his course came in contact with a post in front of Mr Lyles Church, whereby he received so severe an injury in his breast, that death ensued on Tuesday morning following—A part of your Committee were deputed to wait upon the Widow and to make enquiry as to her situation and character, they have done so, and from information received, she had not at the time of his death, means of defraying the funeral charges, but received assistance from the Watchmen for that purpose, she is involved in Debt for Rent, schooling &c between 40 & 50 Dollars, and no means of paying it, or even providing for herself and three small children the approaching winter, she is represented as a Woman of prudent & industrious habits, and Your Committee are of opinion, that as the unfortunate accident occurred to Tilford while acting on his public duty, that some pecuniary relief should be granted towards the support of his Widow & Children —We therefore offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the Watch pay of Robert Tilford Decd be continued

to his Widow Sarah Tilford from the 24th day of October last until the 1st day of May next

John Lovett
David Bryson
[326] William Scott
P. W Engs
Wm W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Fire Wardens to have the Law altered relative to qualifications of Fire Wardens presented the following Report in favor.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of the Fire Wardens praying that the time required of Firemen to serve [before] being eligible as Fire Wardens may be reduced from five years to three years

Respectfully Report

That your Committee having given the subject referred to them that due consideration which its importance demands and having also had a Committee of the Fire Wardens before them, would respectfully state that in consequence of the reduction of the term of service of Firemen as now required to serve by Law, the Fire Wardens experience no little difficulty in procuring the aid of such competent persons as are willing to do the duty of Wardens for the short space of time viz two years, that they are eligible for that Office.

[327] Your Committee would further state that in their opinion, the Public interest requires that the Fire Wardens, ought by a longer continuance in their Office be enabled to render more efficient aid in the duty in which they are engaged by becoming more fully acquainted with the various duties of the same.

They accordingly offer for the consideration of the Common Council the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Eleventh section of the fourteenth Chapter of the Ordinances of the Common Council be amended as to read "but none other than those who have been Firemen at least three years, shall be so recommended."

Respectfully submitted
Benjamin M Brown
P. W Engs
Samuel Stevens
John Rogers
William Scott.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Hose Company N° 1 for an increase of Members presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Hose Company [328] N° One for an increase of the number of members attached to their machine.

Respectfully Report.

That in the opinion of your Committee the aid of the Hose Company is of vast importance to the public, and that they should at all times be enabled to convey their machine to the Fire with great facility, not only that they may be enabled by their being soon at the Fire to check the same, but also by having a full complement of men more effectually to use the large quantity of Hose in their care—Your Committee would also state that from the success which has attended to procureing of Water for extinguishing Fires, at the Public Reservoir the services of the Hose Company will be very often required, they therefore deem the present number of men attached to the same inadequate to the duty, they accordingly offer the following for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved, that the number of Firemen attached to Hose Company N° 1 be increased from Twenty to Twenty six Men

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
P. W Engs
Samuel Stevens
[329] John Rogers
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Orville Nash, Charles Darke and William J Pell for transfer of Butchers Stalls presented the following Report in favor

The Market Committee to whom was referred the several Petitions of Orville Nash, of Charles Darke and of William J Pell for transfer of Butchers Stalls Respectfully Report

That the Petitions are accompanied with the necessary Certificates of qualification and they accordingly offer the following for the consideration of the Common Council

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to George Merkle Junr

for Stall N° 2 Franklin Market, to Charles Darke for Stall N° 24 Fulton Market, to William Valentine for Stall N° 19 Clinton Market.

Benjamin M Brown
B. J. Meserole
David Marsh
Jon$^{a}$ Seymour
W Seaman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[330] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Homer Bostwick to be relieved from an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Homer Bostwick to be relieved from an erroneous Tax, Respectfully

Report

That M$^{r}$ Bostwick appeared before the Committee and testified that he was taxed in the 3$^{d}$ Ward for personal property on $1000, Whereas he is not worth any personal property—He further stated that he was a single man, a Student of Medicine, and that he was not in the City while the Assessors Books were open for examination.

The Certificate of the Assessors hereto annexed confirm his statement, and Committee believeing him to be entitled to relief offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of Homer Bostwick in the 3$^{d}$ Ward amounting to $4,$^{5}/_{100}$ be and the same is hereby remitted

George D Strong
Jona Seymour
Henry Arcularius
Tho$^{s}$ Jeremiah
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[331] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Laurent Salles to be relieved from personal Tax presented the following Report against the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Laurent Salles to be relieved from personal Tax Respectfully Report

That M$^{r}$ Salles appeared before the Committee and stated that he conceived himself erroneously Taxed on his personal property in the Fifth Ward, that the Assessors had originally taxed his personal

property at Eighty thousand dollars, which was altered by the Board of Assessors to Three hundred thousand Dollars, but which on his representation was again reduced by one of the Assessors of the 5th Ward to $200,000

To this reduction the other Assessor objected, and the Board of Assessors on his representation again placed the Tax on $300,000.

Mr Salles stated that his personal property was not worth more than $100,000 but refused to take the oath required by Law, and it is understood by the Committee that he has at all times refused to testify under Oath to the error in his Tax.

From the refusal of Mr Salles to comply with the provisions of the Law in testifying according to its provisions, the Committee do not think him entitled to relief, and offer the following Resolution.

[332] Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

George D Strong
Jon[a] Seymour
Henry Arcularius
Tho[s] Jeremiah
William Scott.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance For paving Side walks of Wooster street from Bleecker street to Amity street, Which was passed and Garret Forbes, Peter Stagg & Ab[m] Lefoy were appointed Assessors.

The Joint Committees on Public Offices and Repairs presented the following Report in relation to Alterations they propose to make in the Old Jail for the purpose of converting it into Fire Proof Offices.

The Joint Committee on Public Offices and Repairs respectfully represent to the Common Council, that they have deemed it proper previously to commencing the Alterations, authorised to be made in the Old Jail, for the purpose of converting it into Fire proof Offices to Report to the Board, their plan, specifications & estimates for such an alteration [333] of said building, as will make it ornamental as well as useful, and in some measure meet the public expectation on this subject.

The plan, upon which the estimates in the former report of your Committee was founded, contemplated only such an alteration of the building, as would make it answer the purpose intended, which was to make it Fire proof, without reference to any embellishment of its

exterior & the sum appropriated by that Report was in the opinion of your Committee amply sufficient for that purpose, but as this building is in the vicinity of the City Hall to which it may be considered in the nature of a Wing, & where it may remain for ages to come, your Committee are of opinion that its exterior ought to be made in some measure to correspond in appearance with that splendid building and their plans and estimates have been made with a view, (as far as it is practicable) to effect this object.

The plan adopted by the Committee and accompanying this Report, contemplates the erection of a Portico at each end of the building, the expense of completing it on this plan according to estimates obtained by the Committee upon notice in the public Papers will be $22,500 should the building be finished with a Portico on the South front only, the sum required for completing it would be but $18,400 but as there is a probability that at some future & not very distant [334] day, the public School house and other buildings on Tryon Row will be removed, the building would in that case appear unfinished and defective without a Portico at the end towards that Street, corresponding with the one in front, The Committee are therefore of opinion that it ought to be finished according to the plan herewith submitted and they offer for consideration to the Board the following Resolution and Ordinance.

Resolved that the Joint Committee on Public Offices and Repairs be & they are hereby authorised to enter into contracts for converting the Old Jail into Fire proof Offices agreeably to the plans submitted by them.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor Alderman & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council co[n]vened, that the sum of Seven thousand five hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of carrying into effect the preceding Resolution, in addition to the sum of Fifteen thousand Dollars heretofore appropriated for that purpose.

Anthony Lamb
James N Wells
Thomas T Woodruff
David Bryson
Wm Mandeville
Thos Jeremiah

[335] a Motion was made to lay the same on the Table which was lost—Debates then arose, and the question being taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee it was carried in the Affirmative—Alder-

man Seaman gave notice of reconsideration at the next Meeting of the Board.

Mr Mandeville presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Market Committee.

Resolved that the Market Committee be requested to have additional Lights placed in the Roof of the Washington Market.

Alderman B M Brown presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Market Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to the Market Committee to have a Stairs erected in the Public Basin at the Clinton Market for the accomodation of the Small Market Boats.

Alderman Nevius presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that State street between Pearl street and Bowling Green be repaved.

[336] Alderman Nevius presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Gas Committee.

Resolved that the Superintendent of Lamps under the direction of the Gas Committee be authorized to procure New Lanthorns for the Lamps in Broadway of a similar sise to those now in use in Pearl street.

Alderman Strong presented the following Preamble and Resolution which was read & Adopted.

Whereas the Common Council have in common with their fellow Citizens witnessed with the most lively emotions of pleasure the complete success of the glorious Revolution accomplished by the Wisdom firmness and bravery of the French people on the ever memorable days of the 27th 28th & 29th July 1830 resulting in the emancipation of that Gallant Nation from the thraldom of Tyranny and oppression, and in the establishment of the Government of their choice.

And Whereas in the progress of the above sanguinary contest the Citizens of Paris exhibited the most heroic fortitude and consummate bravery—The most enthusiastic spirit of freedom, combined with the most sacred regard for individual rights, and the security of personal property

[337] And whereas the Citizens of this Metropolis have agreed to celebrate the triumph of Civil and Religious liberty in France on the 25th Instant thereby associating that event with the anniversary of the emancipation of this City from the dominion of foreign invaders.

Therefore Resolved that a Committee of Five be appointed to make

the necessary arrangements on the part of this Common Council to unite with the Citizens on that occasion.

His Honor the Mayor appointed on that Committee Ald Lee Mr Cooper Ald Marsh Mr Dibblee Ald Meserole

The Comptroller presented the following Report of Cash Account

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance as per Actt 1st Inst | 374.89 |
| Recd for Tax of 1831 | 11.000.00 |
| " " Rents | 5.917.98 |
| " " Streets | 5.435.23 |
| " " Auction Sales | 5.000.00 |
| " " Street Manure for October | 2.935.10 |
| " " Commutation Alien Passengers | 1.075. |
| " " Justices Courts | 986.92 |
| " " [338] Tavren Licences | 630. |
| " " County Contingencies | 502.13 |
| " " Fire Department | 500. |
| " " Fines of Attorney | 363.87 |
| " " Arrears of Tax | 271.10 |
| " " Docks & Slips | 100. |
| " " Wells & Pumps | 78.23 |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 44. |
| | $35.214.45 |

62 Accounts Audited & directed to be paid.

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|---|---|---|
| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1 Dist | | 1386. |
| Astin & Field " 2d " | | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring " 3d " | | 945. |
| G. N Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qr Salary 15th Inst | | 450. |
| Jacob P. Roome Super Repairs 1 Qr 14th Inst | | 300. |
| John Fleming Treasurer 6 Mo 1st Int | | 250. |
| Isaac Warren City Inspectr 1 Qr 9th Inst | | 200. |
| Jacob Lozier Clerk St Comrs Office 1 Qr 11th Inst | | 125. |
| J Leonard for list of Passengers 6 Mo 1st Int | | 50. |
| J Hopson Special Justice 1 Qr Salary 12th Int | | 400. |
| J. W Wyman do " " | | 400. |
| O M Lownds Do " " | | 400. |
| R Stephens Clerk Police " " | | 312.50 |
| E Hicks Asst Do 7th Sept to 12 Novr | | 144.43 |
| Thos Cornell Sunday service 14 Ward 30 days to 25th Octr | | 45. |
| W Slason & B Robinson do 11 Ward 14 days each 8th Novr | | 42. |
| [339] J. G. Finn & F Seely do 4th Ward 14 days each 1 Nor | | 42. |
| J Winton Do 7 Ward 22 days " | | 33. |
| Jas M Oakley Do " 13 days " | | 19.50 |
| Jas Shaw for Officers attends Courts 1 Qr 1 Novr | | 1899. |
| Geo: B Raymond for Do servs Subpeonas " " | | 267.75 |

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| R Hatfield Clerk Sessions 1 Qr Salary 12 Novr | 500. | |
| R Hatfield Do Amt pd Witnesses 1 Qr " | 41.62 | |
| John. P. Roome crier of Court 1 Qur salary 3d Novr..... | 50. | |
| J Fleming Treasr Amt pd Witnesses ordered by Court..... | 15. | |
| S Miller Public Administrator 1 Qr Salary 1 Novr..... | 312.50 | |
| John M Bloodgood Superdt Streets Expences 1 Mo 1 Novr | 2169.01 | |
| J Sidell first Marshal to pay Peace Officers attends Election | 606. | |
| Wm Rockwell Physician City Prison 1 Qr Salary 1 Nor.... | 75. | |
| P Van Pelt printing 1 Qr 1 Novr..... | 418.75 | |
| Daniel D Smith Stationary..... | 52.74 | |
| Daily Advertiser subscription 6 Mo 1 Novr..... | 50. | |
| Morning Herald Do 1 August 13th Sept..... | 12.50 | |
| L & T Seymour rent of Lot for Engine 15 in Chrystie St 6 Mo 1 Novr..... | 22.50 | |
| A Leggett Super Mud Scow 2 weeks 14 Novr..... | 119.18 | |
| J. H Lyon filling at East Bank stre[e]t Lien owner Unknown ..... | 88.05 | |
| Jacob P. Roome Super Repairs—Fire Dept..... | 1529. | |
| J. P. Roome Do Docks & Slips..... | 1226. | |
| J. P. Roome Do Repairs ..... | 708. | |
| J. P. Roome Do Pumps ..... | 200. | |
| J. P. Roome Do Markets ..... | 200. | |
| J. P. Roome Do Alterations to Bridewell.. | 138. | |
| [340] T. Cumings Actt pavg 13th St from 3d to 5th Avenue. | 650. | |
| S Fargay Actt repavg South St fm Old to Coenties Slip.... | 400. | |
| T Cummings Actt pavg 8th Avenue from 13th to 21st St.... | 300. | |
| H Cochran Actt repavg Stone St fm Broad to Whitehall St | 80. | |
| M Tally bal pavg Weehawken fm Christopher to Amos St. | 66.10 | |
| J. J. Astor for himself.S D Beekman Est of B Talmadge & Est of G. W Clinton for surplus earth 13th Street..... | 581.47 | |
| Heirs of Cornelia T Genet for Earth on 13th Street..... | 91.85 | |
| John Rogers for surplus Earth 13th Street..... | 14.76 | |
| John Bennet for do 21st Street..... | 2.20 | |
| Henry Wilkes Do Do ..... | 3.66 | |
| Jacob Wiess Do Do ..... | 8.49 | |
| Henry Eckford Do Do ..... | 13.50 | |
| Geo: C Turfler Do Do ..... | 16.80 | |
| Wm Hockman building Wharf at 23d St East River..... | 275. | |
| Abm Storms extra work new Pier James Slip & Catharine Market Corporation ½..... | 118.78 | |
| R Graves St Commr Actt McAdamising 3d Avenue..... | 2000. | |
| R Graves Do Actt Repairs Roads ..... | 500. | |
| U Ryder, L Cummings & W B Mott Sunday service 12th Ward 14 days each 1 Novr..... | 63. | |
| J. Fleming Treasr to pay Interest City Stock 1 Qr 1 Novr.. | 8750. | |
| A Burtis Super Alms House for Alms House..... | 4000. | $35.174.64 |

Balance $39.81

Board adjourned to Monday the 29th Instant at 5 OClock P. M.

[341] In Common Council November 29th. 1830

Present The Hon[bl] Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|
| Peter J. Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| William W. Mott | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D. Strong | William Scott |
| William Seaman | Joseph W. Beadel |
| Benjamin M. Brown | John Rogers |
| James N. Wells | Thomas Jeremiah |
| Gideon Lee | Fyler Dibblee |
| James Palmer | Peter Cooper |
| Thomas T. Woodruff | Philip W. Engs |

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A Memorial of the Trustees of Columbia College to cede to the Corporation that part of Chapel Street lying between Murray and Barclay Streets in the rear of the College accompanied with the Deed for that purpose was read and referred to [342] the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Brown for any office in the gift of the Corporation was read and referred to the Committee on Application for Office

The Mayor stated that M[r] Roosevelt Assistant of the first Ward being absent on a visit to Europe he thought it proper to appoint Members to fill the several vacancies on Committees on which M[r] Roosevelt was appointed he accordingly appointed on the Committee on Law M[r] Bryson, On Application to the Legislature. Alderman Mott, on Lands and Places Alderman Nevius, on Water Committee M[r] Jeremiah, On Blackwells Island M[r] Dibblee, on Public Offices M[r] Arcularius.

A Petition of Reuben Ronalds and of Admiral Warren to be appointed Inspectors of Fire Wood also a Petition of sundry persons in the vicinity of Washington Market to have M[r] Hunt the present Inspector of Fire Wood at that District removed were severally read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

[343] A Petition of a number of persons to have Hudson Street between Chamber and Canall Streets lighted with Gas was read and referred to the Gas Committee.

A Memorial of Elbert Herring and others praying to have the place of deposite for Street Manure &[c] removed from the Duane Street Slip was read and referred to the Committee on Cleaning Streets

A Petition of Willet Seaman of Jeremiah Pearson and of William Dodge, to be appointed to the Office of City Weigher were read and referred to the Committee on Application for Office

A Petition of William Crosby and others to have the name of Lombardy Street changed to Munroe Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Remonstrance of W & G, Post and others against widening Walnut Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Edward Price for a reconsideration of the subject of the mislocation of Madison [344] and Henry Streets above Montgomery Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Lewis Lawton for transfer of Stall N° 8 Grand Street Market to William Atkins, Nicholas Ryerson for transfer of stall N° 8 Fulton Market to William H M°Cready and of W^m H M°Cready for the transfer of stall N° 31 Catharine Market to Nicholas Ryerson were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of A Woodward and a number of others to have a Branch of the Police Established in the upper part of the City was read and referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of William Archer and others to have the sid[e] walks of Morton Street from Washington Street paved and regulated was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Abraham Brower and others to have a Hay Scales built near Tompkins Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

[345] The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen the resignations were accepted and appointments made Viz.

Fire Engine Co.

N° 4

William H Van Wagenen, Merchant Elm Street. To fill Company

N° 11

William Robinson Baker 82 Catharine Street.
V^c Edwin W. Wainwright Resigned

John H. Hart. Shipwright 5 Moore Street.
V^c Samuel Ratcliff D°

N° 13.

John M. Roome Druggist Roosevelt Street
V^c William Cook Resigned

N° 15.

George Wilson Glass cutter. 90 Elizabeth Street
Alexander W Smith Hatter Chrystie Street } To fill company

N° 17.

John W Steinfeldt, Boat Builder 251 Front Street.
Benjamin T Bunker.

N° 22,

Levi Barker. 349 Cherry Street. Boat builder To fill Company

[346] N° 26.

John Coger Jun^r Blacksmith Madison Street,
V^c Aaron O. Price Resigned

N° 28.

Charles Francis. Shoe Maker. 60 Hammersley Street.
To fill Company

N° 32,

John C Cobanks Cartman 122, Forsyth Street.
V^c William Lee, Time Expired

Fire Hose Co.

N° 1.

Charles H. Pond, Grocer, 186 South Street. To fill Company

Fire Wardens Co

5^th Ward.

John W. Striker Pump Maker 15 Leonard Street.
V^c James Kane Time Ep^d
William C Titus Finding Store, 103 Canal Street,
V^c Richard Hunt D° D°
James J M. Valentine Lawyer 103 Canal Street.
V^c John B. Smelzel D° D°
Frederick A. Boker Accountant 6 Beach Street.
V^c Aaron B. Hays. D° D°
John M^cBrair. Account Lespenard Street
V^c Sylvester P. Denison D° D°

[347] 8^th Ward.

William Harsell Sash maker 12 Wooster Street
V^c Otis Harrington Time Expired

14^th Ward.

Thomas M. Beare Clerk 522 Broadway.
V^c Abraham Scott. Time Expired.

The City Inspector p[r]esented the following Report of Ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances Vz[t]

| No | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No | 1 | Maria C. Gouverneur. | owner | 281 | Broome | St. Lots |
| " | 2 | P & J. S Crary. | " | | N. side Perry. | " " |
| " | 3 | Wm Slamm. | " | 55 | Allen | " " |
| " | 4 | Horatio Wilks | " | | 6th Avenue cor 21st | " " |
| " | 5 | Yates & McInty[r]e | " | | Grand cor Sherif | " " |
| " | 6 | S Stebbins & C Overton | " | | N side 5th | " " |
| " | 7 | Hugh Manahan | " | | between 12th & 13th | " Cow Stable |
| " | 8 | William Honay. | " | | E side West | " Lots |
| " | 9 | August W. Clason | " | | W side Avenue D. | " |
| " | 10 | Silas Dubois | " | | E " Sheriff St. | " |
| " | 11 | Estate of C Gardner Decd | " | | S " Broome | " " |
| " | 12 | Stephen Allen | " | 337½ & 339. | Water | " Privy |
| " | 13 | Stephen Allen | " | 289 & 290 | Front | " " |
| " | 14 | Benjamin Corlies | " | 285 | Pearl | " " |
| " | 15 | [348] " | " | *285 Pearl St.* [99 Beekman] | | " " |
| " | 16 | William Friel | " | 125 | Anthony | " " |

I. Warren. City Inspector

Which were passed

The Counsel of the Board presented a Report stating that the Supreme Court had confirmed the Report of the Commissioners of estimate for opening 24th street. and also for Widening Pine Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

The Counsel of the Board presented the following Report of a Lease to Abraham Baudoine of a Lot sold for the payment of an assessment thereon

The Counsel respectfully presents a Lease prepared to be executed to Abraham Baudoine on a certificate for a Lot of ground heretofore sold for an assessment and unredeemed

The following Resolution is respectfully submitted

Resolved that the above mentioned Lease be executed in the usual manner during the recess of the Board

R Emmet.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[*348] The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on sundry assessments.

The Street Commissioner herewith presents returns of delinquents on the assessments—for repaving Mott Street from Bayard to Walker Street—for paving the side walks of North Street between the first Avenue and Cannon Street—and for regulating the 7th avenue from

* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

Greenwich Lane to 21st Street. Warrants were directed to be issued to John Hanmer the Collector thereof

The Street Commissioner presented the following assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Viz

For paving side walks of Bleecker Street between Christopher and Amos Streets and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector

For paving Lewis Street from North Street to Fourth Street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector

For paving side walks of Barrow Street between McDougal Street and 6th avenue and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector

For paving William Street from [350] Maiden Lane to Pine Street. and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the subject of repaving State Street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of repaving that part of State Street lying between Marketfield Street and Pearle Street [Report] that in their opinion that part of State Street ought to be repaved—and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that State Street be repav'd between Marketfield Street and Pearl Street.

Thomas T Woodruff
Jno. Rogers
Geor. D. Strong
William Scott.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the side walks of Bank Street paved between Greenwich Lane an[d] Greenwich Street. presented the following Report. in [351] favor of the same.

The Street Committee respectfully Report on the annexed petition to have the side walks of Bank Street paved between Greenwich Lane and Greenwich Street that in their opinion the walks of that Street ought to be laid from Greenwich Lane to Hudson Street only and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved that the side walks of Bank Street be paved between Hudson Street and Greenwich Lane.

Thomas T. Woodruff
Jno. Rogers
Geo. D Strong
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the Bowery regulated from 13th to 16th Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petitions for digging and regulating the Bowery between the 13th and 16th Streets and also the remonstrance against the same.

Respectfully Report that they have [352] duly considered the subject and are of the opinion that it has become necessary to reduce and regulate that Street it being rendered impassable by the digging and Regulating of the Bloomingdale Road and as there would be several thousand loads of surplus earth afforded by such regulation and which is now required to fill the low grounds in the vicinity your Committee deem it expedient that the request of the petitioners should be granted and accordingly submit the following resolution

Resolved that the Bowery be dug out and regulated between Thirteenth and Sixteenth Streets

Thomas T. Woodruff
Jno. Rogers
Geo. D. Strong
William Scott.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed Viz

For repaving State Street from Marketfield to Pearl Street and John Lozier Abraham Baudoine and Jacob S Baker were [353] appointed assessors

For paving sidewalks of Bank Street from Greenwich Lane to Hudson Street and Gideon Tucker, Everadus Warner and Gabriel Van Cotts were appointed Assessors.

For regulating the Bowery between 13th and 16th Street and David Lyon, Charles Dusenbury and David Marsh were appointed assessors

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Memorial of the Governers of the New York lying in Hospital for aid from the Corporation presented a Report which was read Laid on the Table and [ordered] to be printed for the use of the members

Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was read and adopted

Resolved that all the Lamps in the different Markets in the City be from this time Lighted until the further direction of the Board

Mr Dibblee presented the following Resolution which was read and Laid on the Table

[354] Resolved that in future and until otherwise resolved this Common Council will convene for its regular meetings at four O'Clock in the afternoon

Mr. Cooper presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Water & Fire Department Committee.

Resolved that Judge Wright be employed to make the surveys and calculations necessary to ascertain where an ample supply of good water may be had sufficient for all the purposes of this City, and that he report to this Board his opinion of the best practicable mode and probable cost of obtaining the same

On Motion of Alderman Woodruff the Report of the Street Committee on opening Union Place was called up and being amended was agreed to in the words following

The Street Committee Respectfully Report, on the annexed petition of the owners of the triangular piece of ground situate between the Bloomingdale Road or Broadway and the Bowery and Fourteenth and Sixteenth Streets and Known as "Union Place" that the said piece of ground may be taken and appro- [355] priated for public purposes inasmuch as that by the digging down to the permanent regulation the surrounding and intersecting streets their buildings are rendered useless and untenable unless lowered down and repaired at a great expense

Your Committee having duly considered the subject are of the opinion that this is a favourable time for appropriating that piece of ground to the purposes for which it was designated, as it will be attended with far less expense to the owners of the lands in its vicinity and to the public than at any future time, owing to the circumstance of the buildings and improvements being rendered almost useless to the owners and cannot be made productive but at a great expense and which would be lost to them whenever the grounds shall be so appropriated as a public place. For the foregoing reasons and considerations your Committee are induced to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

Resolved That it is desirable for public purposes and convenience that Union Place together with so much of the 4th Avenue as lies between the Bowery and Broadway and connected therewith be opened and the same is hereby ordered to be done

Resolved that the Counsel to this [356] *to this* Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of estimate and assessment in the said matter and that

the petition for that purpose be authenticated during the recess of the Board

Thomas T. Woodruff
John Lovett.
John Rogers
Geo. D. Strong

On Motion of Alderman Woodruff the Report of the Committee on Repairs was called up and read in the following words

The Committee on Repairs—Respectfully Report *the* [that] agreeably to a resolution of the Board they procured an Iron pump and fixtures and had the same placed in the Well in William near Cedar Street.

Your Committee are fully satisfied with the utility of the cast Iron pump and as they are assured the expense of such pump and fixtures will not exceed those of wood now in common use. They recommend their use in all the public Wells hereafter built and as the pump now in use shall require to be replaced with new ones—that the Iron [357] pump be in all cases substituted

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be authorised to purchase Iron pumps for all public Wells that may require new pumps on the best terms they can be procured under the direction of the Committee of Repairs

Thomas T. Woodruff
Wm Mandeville
James N. Wells

The question being taken on the adoption of the Report and Resolution it was carried in the affirmative

Alderman Palmer presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that a Stove or Stoves be placed in the Common Council Chamber under the direction of the Mayor.

The Comptroller presented the following cash account.

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|---|---|
| Balance as per acct 13 Inst | 39.81 |
| Recd for Tax of 1830 | 15,000. |
| " " Streets | 14,542.47 |
| " " Rents | 9,301. |
| " " Police office | 1,016.84 |
| " " Commutation Alien passengers | 598. |
| " " [358] Mayoralty fees | 36. |
| | $40,534.12 |

79 accts audited and directed to be paid.

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|---|---|
| Blauvelt & Stewart watch 1st Dist | $1400.87 |
| Astin & Field " 2nd " | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring " 3d " | 945. |
| T J Waters clk compt office 1 Qr Sal. 24 Novr | 250. |
| O. Ayres & J Coffin asst City Insptrs 1 Mo 1 Dec | 117. |
| Astin & Higbee asst Keep City Hall 1 " 1 " | 75. |
| C Myers Keeper Potters Field 1 " 1 " | 67.50 |
| T Asten Street Inspect. 1 Ward. 1 " 1 " | 45. |
| T Woolcocks " " 2 " 1 " 1 " | 45. |
| J B Ebbets " " 3 " 1 " 1 " | 45. |
| N B. Lyon " " 4 " 1 " 1 " | 45. |
| I A Isaacs " " 5 " 1 " 1 " | 45. |
| F Gantz " " 7 " 1 " 1 " | 45. |
| Wm G Babb " " 8 " 1 " 1 " | 45. |
| H B Roome " " 9 " 1 " 1 " | 45. |
| T Austin " " 10 " 1 " 1 " | 45. |
| E Kingsland " " 12 " 1 " 1 " | 45. |
| D Hubbard " " 13 " 1 " 1 " | 45. |
| P Field " " 14 " 1 " 1 " | 45. |
| J Morton Clk C. C. for Hack accounts | 15.25 |
| Geo Duryea. Clk Fulton Market 1 Mo 1 Dec | 101.67 |
| J Gilbert. " Clinton & Greenwich " 1 " 1 " | 63. |
| S Fleet " Centre " 1 " 1 " | 55.50 |
| [359] R. Smith " Franklin " 1 " 1 " | 37.50 |
| J Seaman " Manhattan " 1 " 1 " | 30. |
| J Pinckney & A Parker asst Board health 1 Mo 1 Dec | 104. |
| Ogden Hoffman Dst Atty. 1 Qr Sal. 25 Nov | 750. |
| A Asten & W Summers making List of Witnesses by H Maxwell late Dist Atty | 10. |
| J Hays Officers extra services Police 1 Qr 26 Nov | 697.34 |
| J Hays for office[r]s conveying persons to City prison 1 Qr 1 Nov | 367.50 |
| J Lozier Clk Court 7. 10. 13 Wards 1 Qr 1 Nov | 187.50 |
| J Sidell F M, to pay 5 peace officers 7 Ward attending Election omitted | 10. |
| H Smith filling in yard & cellar of house cor. Avenue D and 5th St. Lien estate Benj. Sherwood. Decd | 149.62 |
| R Pettigrew acct filling & regulg 5th St from Avenue A. to Avenue C | 10.000. |
| S Fargay pavg 2 Avenue fm 1st to 5th St & Pavg 2d St. from Bowery to Avenue A | 1,515.79 |
| Office of Evening Post Advtg assessments Augt 1830 | 406. |
| Office of Courier & Enquirer " " " " | 406. |
| M Tally bal. pavg. Troy Street | 451.94 |
| T Cummings Acct pavg 8 avenue 13th to 21st St | 500.00 |
| J Pollock acct regulating 7 avenue from Greenwich Lane to 21st St | 430. |

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| J. Harris Inspectg pavg sundry Sts. 22d Feby 25 Nov..... | 281.85 | |
| T Cummings acct pavg 21st between 8th & 9th Avenues..... | 250. | |
| O Smith acct regulg 6th St fm Avenue D. 25 feet West.... | 180. | |
| P Smith acct repavg Mott St. from Bayard to Walker St.. | 150. | |
| S Fargay balce pavg South St fm Old to Coenties Slip.... | 24.55 | |
| Abm Stagg pavg sidewalks North St bet 1 Avenue & Cannon Street ..... | 79.52 | |
| J Pinkerton bal pavg side walks Amity St bet Broadway & 6 Avenue..... | 28.60 | |
| [360] S Fargay bal repavg part of Suffolk & Hester near Division ..... | 87.62 | |
| R Graves St Comr act working 8th Avenue fm 93d to 111th St..... | 1000. | |
| Woodruff & Barnes acct buildg around Public Reservoir... | 1000. | |
| J R Peters chairman buildg Comt Northern Dispensay..... | 2000. | |
| A Burtis Supr Alms house for making fence around Potters field ..... | 500. | |
| A Burtis " " " " buildg Blackwells Island... | 3000. | |
| A Burtis " " " " Alms House ..... | 5000. | |
| Saml Judd 51 Casks Oil..... | 2425.93 | |
| G Snethen Ligting Lamps &c and stopping gas Lights 1 Mo 1 Dec..... | 1888.32 | |
| J. Dunn & Son making & repairing Lamps to 24th Oct..... | 257.93 | |
| R Provoost painting Lamps &c & gas Lights 1 Mo 1 Dec... | 77.83 | |
| Layman & Co sitting Lamp Posts &c 1 Qr 1 Nov..... | 75.30 | |
| J Hays refreshments for Jurors ordered by Court..... | 39. | |
| J Bremner Clk Catharine Market 1 Mo 1 Dec..... | 60. | |
| J Martine do Tompkins " 1 " 1 " ..... | 35. | |
| A Morris St Inspector 6 Ward 1 " 1 " ..... | 45. | |
| Ann Johnson return costs on house & Lot sold for Taxes 23 Sept 1829 redeemed..... | 7. | |
| E. Tibbets for Inspector & Clks of Election 1 Ward | 90. | |
| S Gilford Jr " " " 2 " | 78. | |
| W H Ireland " " " 3 " | 90. | |
| Geo E Smith " " " 4 " | 78. | |
| R M Russel " " " 5 " | 90. | |
| N C Evert " " " 6 " | 78. | |
| A Dally " " " 7 " | 78. | |
| W W Cowan " " " 8 " | 90. | |
| T Morris " " " 9 " | 70. | |
| [361] A Ming Jr " " " 10 " | 90.00 | |
| J Acker " " " 11 " | 90. | |
| J Flannagan " " " 12 " | 75. | |
| A Stewart " " " 13 " | 70. | |
| C Dusenbury " " " 14 " | 78. | |
| A Dally for Inspectors canvassers of Election..... | 42. | 40.366.43 |
| | Balance | $167.69 |

The Board then Adjourned

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OF

# MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

DECEMBER 13, 1830 TO MARCH 3, 1831

[1] In Common Council December 13th 1830

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|
| Peter J Nevius | |
| William W Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D Strong | Peter S Townsend |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M Brown | Joseph W Beadle |
| James N Wells | John Rogers |
| Bernard J Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| David Marsh | Fyler Dibblee |
| Gideon Lee | Peter Cooper |
| James Palmer | John Lovett |
| Thomas T Woodruff | Philip W Engs |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Approved.

A Petition of Mrs Lemuel Smith for an adjustment of the demands of the Estate [2] of her late husband for Costs &c on unfinished suits while holding the Office of Corporation Attorney was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Communication from the Special Justices relative to defects in the existing State Laws resp[e]cting Police &c was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A Communication from the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell relative to defects in the existing State Laws respecting Paupers Bastards &c was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A Petition of Lewis Rogers for permission to occupy Apartments for the present Winter in the New York Institution was read and referred to the Committee on Repairs.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Public School society praying the Corporation to apply to the Legislature for the passage of a Law for a Tax equal to the residue of the One-half Mill on a dollar and that 10 per Cent of the sum thereby raised be applied as a Sinking

fund for the gradual extinguishment of the Debt of the Society was read and referred to the [3] Committee on Common Schools.

The Mayor stated that he had received [a letter] from the Quarter Master General of the United States respecting the North Battery, in which he stated that as soon as the Public property therein stored was removed it will be re-conveyed to the Corporation. The same was referred to the Committee on that subject.

The Mayor informed the Board that he had re-appointed Jacob Hays High Constable of the City for the ensuing year on the 6th Instant which was approved of.

A Petition of Frederick Philipse Agent and Administrator of the Estate of Frederick Philipse (Deceased) praying that the Assessment for widening William street Assessed on the Bank Coffee House may be collected was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Memorial of John L Graham praying to have a Gore of Land on Ann street conveyed to him was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Peter Townsend to be relieved from an excessive Assessment was read [4] and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of the Executors of the Estate of Benjamin Mott to be released from Tax on personal Estate was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Clara Robins for a reduction of the Assessment on her property was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Draft of a Bill relating to the Registering of Births Marriages and Deaths prepared by Doc$^{r}$ Pascalis for the consideration of the Board and that the same may be sent to the Legislature was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A Petition of John Davenport for the Office of Weighmaster for the Hay Scales to be erected at the corner of Bowery and Third street was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of George Lorillard & others for the removal of Butchers Carts in front of Fulton Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[5] A Petition of John K Floor for Stall N$^{o}$ 32 Catharine Market, of William Granger for Stall N$^{o}$ 1 Franklin Market, And also of Henry Agate for a Licence as a Public Butcher in the City of New York were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of William S Coe and others to have the name of Har-

man street changed to that of East Broadway was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John A Hardenbrook for compensation for injury done his property in digging out Third Avenue opposite Hamilton Square was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Daniel Morgan for the better regulation of his District for Inspection of Fire wood was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of John Mason & others for a Well & Pump in Crosby street near Bleecker street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Remonstrance of R B Fosdick & [6] others against sinking a Well & Pump in Weehawken street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John Kinney to be relieved from the payment of Costs charged against him on the Books of the 5th & 8th Ward Courts was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Daniel Carmichael & others to pave side walks of Columbia street from Grand to Broome streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Andrew Leary and others to have 19th Street regulated or otherwise removing a Nuisance therefrom, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Elizabeth Lattimer administratrix of Robert Lattimer deceased *Deceased* for payment for work done on the 10th Avenue in 1824 was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of 21st Street for payment for the surplus earth removed from that Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[7] A Petition of the Managers of the New York Female Asylum for lying in Women praying for aid from the Common Council was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Counsel presented the Draft of a Law relative to Marshalls in the City of New York which was read and referred to the Committee on Police.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen, the Resignations were Accepted and Appointments made Vizt

Engineer Co

Jacob A Roome — Vc Edward Arrowsmith Resigned

Fire Engine C°

N° 4

Jacob P Giraud Cooper 43 Ann S^t^
V^c^ Charles M Bradshaw—Resigned
Henry Stanton Glass Cutter Mott S^t^ } To fill the Company
William H Fairchild Gilder }

N° 12

James Kemp Accountant 88 Cherry S^t^
V^c^ James Cook—Time Expired
Arthur Eggleso—Cabinet Maker 354 Pearl S^t^
V^c^ William Johnson Resigned
[8] Joseph Lister—Accountant 37 Eldridge S^t^
V^c^ George W A Everitt—Resigned
John D Webster—Accountant 23 Ann Street
V^c^ Joseph S Wood—Resigned
Andrew Manning—Locksmith 39 Frankfort S^t^
V^c^ Walter Welsh Resigned
James Anderson, Locksmith, 112 Franklin S^t^ }
Alexander W Stuart Carver 121 Delancy S^t^ } To fill Company.
Edward Carle Blacksmith 171 Pearl S^t^ }

N° 15

Thomas Sherwood Carpenter 42 Hester S^t^ To fill Company.

N° 21

Mathew M^c^Beath Cordwainer 28 Hester S^t^
V^c^ John R Baker Resigned
Carlisle Norwood Accountant 6 Bond S^t^
V^c^ Thomas Jones Resigned
Isaac H Cogswell—Accountant 11 William S^t^
V^c^ James L Poillon Resigned

N° 22

James Connelly—Boat builder 229 Henry S^t^ To fill the Company.

N° 25

John E Powers Wire Worker Orange S^t^ }
Matthias Decker Accountant Vesey S^t^ } Resigned.
Hugh Cavanagh Cooper }

[9] N° 30.

George R Beck Butcher 16 Spring S^t
Aaron Lopez Mason 40 Stanton S^t
Abraham E Dubois Wire worker 96 Vesey S^t } To fill Company

N° 34

Joseph E Shaw Gardner 6^th Street
Joseph S Shotwell Blind Maker Minetto S^t } To fill Company

N° 35

James Floy Gardner Harlem V^c Charles H Hall Resigned
Obadiah Sands Gardner Harlem
V^c Eppenetus Doughty Resigned.

N° 36

John Hoag—Carpenter 1 Thompson S^t
V^c James G Burger Resigned

Fire Wardens Co

1^st Ward

James N Van Antwerp Merchant 33 Water S^t
V^c William Van Antwerp
Caleb Lindsley—Merchant 98 Pearl S^t
V^c John Pentz } Time Expired
Philip Dater—Merchant 161 Front S^t
V^c George Pomeroy

3^d Ward

Henry B Greenwood—Grocer C^or Greenwich & Cortlandt S^t
V^c William Burger Time Expired

[10] 6^th Ward

Elias G Drake Grocer Walker S^t
V^c J. L. Embree—Time Expired

10^th Ward

Benjamin L Guion—Confectioner 60 Division S^t
V^c Cyrus Baldwin Time Expired.

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for the correction of sundry Nuisances Viz^t

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

| No | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1. Geo P. Rogers | owner | N & S sides 20th St | Lots |
| | 2. William D Herbert | " | W side 6th Avenue | " |
| | 3. Simon A Ried | " | Do | " |
| | 4. Walter Davis | " | 115 Stanton St | " |
| | 5. Ira Babbit | " | 119. Do | " |
| | 6. William H Field | " | 117 Do | " |
| | 7. Mr Mount | " | 111 Do | " |
| | 8. Stephen Allen | " | E side Weehawken St | " |
| | 9. Charles Wilkes | " | Cor 6th Avenue & 21st St | " |
| | 10. Henry Jackson | " | W side Bloomingdale Road | " |
| | 11. A or J Smith | " | Cor 6th Avenue & 10th St | " |
| | 12. James Reeves | " | S side Jane St | " |
| | 13. John F Adriance | " | N side Troy St | " |
| | 14. Nicholas Stripple | " | S side 19th St | " |
| | 15. John R Livingston | " | E side Ridge St | " |
| | 16. [11] Wm H Brackett | " | 385 Greenwich St | A Privy |
| | 17. Geo McKay | owner | 1.3.5.7 Spruce St | Privy |
| | Do | " | 146.148.150 & 152 Nassau St | Privy |
| | 18. Alexr McDougall | " | 167 Orange St | " |
| | 19. Chauncey [&] Harris | " | 11 Grand St | Cist pool |
| | 20. John M Bletsoe | " | 295 Hudson St | Privy |

I Warren
City Inspector

Which were passed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Returns of Delinquents on Assessments which were read

For paving 6th Street from the 2d to the 3d Avenue—And for laying side walks of Norfolk street, between Rivington and North streets—Whereupon Warrants were directed to issue to John Hanmer the Collector thereof.

For laying side walks in Thompson street between Prince & Houston streets.

For laying side walks in Crosby street between Prince and Houston streets.

For repaving Nassau street from Spruce to Beekman street.

For laying side walks in 6th Street between McDougal & Grove street.

For regulating 5th Street between Avenues A & C—And for [12] A Well & Pump in Morton near Washington street. Whereupon Warrants were directed to issue to Thomas Cottrell the Collector thereof.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Viz[t]

For repaving William street from Duane to Frankfort street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For repaving Eldridge street from Division to Hester street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

A Communication from the Street Commissioner stating that the owners of Water Lots between Hammond and Jane streets have not complied with the Ordinances of the Board requiring them to fill the grounds of their respective Grants was read and referred to the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Williamson for a Reward for detecting an Incendiary presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Williamson praying for a Reward of Two hundred and fifty Dollars offered [13] by the Mayor for the discovery of Incendiaries.

Respectfully Report.

That the Petitioner claims to be entitled to the said Reward under a proclamation issued in pursuance of a Resolution of this Board passed August 10th 1829 That by reference to the said Resolution (a Copy of which is annexed to this Report) it appears that the same was intended to apply to cases of Arson which had already occurred, and not to future Commissions of that crime; And that the attempt which the Petitioner discovered, was made as appears by his Petition on the night of the 29th of July 1830. The Committee have therefore no hesitation in expressing their opinion that as a matter of right, the Petitioner is not entitled to the said Reward, and they would be distinctly understood as disapproving of any construction of the said or similar Resolutions which might give them a prospective meaning, the effect of which would in their opinion be to hold out strong temptations to the commission of perjury. But in the present case the Committee have made due enquiry into the circumstances and they are satisfied that the Petitioner by his vigilance and perseverance in watching and finally detecting Sarah W Smith the Incendiary mentioned in his Petition, rendered an essential service to the public. The District Attorney from whom they have made enquiries on the [14] subject, has informed them that it was upon the Petitioners testimony that the prisoner was convicted; and they have reason to believe that in attending Court and necessarily neglecting others matters, the Petitioner

lost an employment which would have been advantageous to him— It has also been represented to them by a respectable gentleman who appeared on his behalf that the Petitioner has a mother and sisters dependant in a great measure upon him for support and that he and they are in a very reduced condition.

Under all these circumstances the Committee think it would be right to give something as a gratuity to the Petitioner, and they have concluded to recommend that One hundred and twenty five Dollars, being half the amount of the reward claimed should be appropriated for that purpose.

They beg leave therefore to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller Report a Warrant in favor of Peter Williamson for One hundred and twenty five dollars as a gratuity to the said Peter Williamson for his services and loss of time in detecting Sarah W Smith in an attempt to set fire to a dwelling house and procuring her conviction of that crime.

W Seaman
[15] Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
W^m^ W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Christian Bergh containing a proposition for settlement of the controversy between him and the Corporation presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Christian Bergh containing a proposition for the settlement of the controversy now depending in the Court of Chancery between him and the Corporation upon certain terms therein stated Respectfully Report

That the subject matter of the said controversy and its history during the long period of time, it has continued, being fully set forth in M^r^ Berghs Memorial which is hereto annexed, the Committee do not deem it necessary to give more than the following details thereof. The object on the part of M^r^ Bergh has been to obtain from the Corporation a Water grant extending from the Easterly line of Gouverneur Slip One hundred and fifty feet along the property now owned and occupied by [16] *by* him. He has been in possession of the premises for which he seeks a formal grant since the year 1810, without having

paid any rent therefor, and his right thereto being disputed and denied by the Corporation. A Resolution was passed in Common Council on or about the 2d of July 1810 to give to Mr Bergh a grant extending to "Scammel Slip" and there being no such Slip in the City, it became a question whether Scammel street or Gouverneur Slip was meant in the said Resolution, the latter being insisted upon by Mr Bergh and the former contended for on the part of the Corporation. Out of this Mistake a long and obstinate litigation arose which has existed for about fourteen years, both in the Supreme Court and in the Court of Chancery. Voluminous testimony has been taken on both sides, but no hearing of the Cause now depending in the Court of Chancery has yet taken place, and Mr Bergh avows that his age and increasing infirmities, makes him solicitous to end this controversy in an amicable manner and as speedily as possible, and with that view he has come forward with the proposition for settlement which was referred to this Committee.

The Committee. deeming the subject to be one of much importance have spared neither time nor labour to make themselves fully acquainted with the merits of the case, in which they have derived much [17] aid from the Officers of the Board including the former Counsel under whose charge the suit has been conducted. Many interviews have been had with Mr Bergh and his Counsel, the premises have been viewed, and accurate surveys and Maps have been made by the Deputy Street Commissioner through means of all which, the Committee have become enabled to understand and properly judge of the terms proposed by Mr Bergh. The result has been that they became convinced of the inexpediency of agreeing to the same and were prepared to Report accordingly to the Board—This being communicated to Mr Bergh, further conferences on the subject were had with him and his counsel, and the interchange of opinion between them and the Committee led to a suggestion of the following terms of settlement Viz[t]

That the Corporation should execute a grant to Mr Bergh extending the whole 150 feet or to the Easterly side of Governeur Slip, he paying all the back rent without interest, that is to say from the 1st May 1810 to the 1st May 1821 at the rate of Seventy five cents per foot per Annum and from the 1st May 1821 to the present at the rate of $1.50 per foot per Annum. The grant to provide that Mr Bergh shall make those portions of Front and South street which intersect the premises, and [18] that until Gouverneur Slip shall be filled up to the permanent line he shall leave a Cartway of Twenty five feet wide along the Easterly side of the Slip between Front and South streets,

which Cartway he shall be at liberty to resume when the Slip shall have been so filled up; Also that the Wharfage along the Easterly side of Gouverneur Slip shall be reserved to the Corporation so long as it remains a public Slip, and finally that each party shall pay their own Costs and expences incurred in the controversy.

The Committee conclude by stating that Mr Bergh has expressed his willingness to settle upon those terms, and that after bestowing all the attention and reflection in their power upon the subject, they do not hesitate to recommend that this Board should agree to the same.

They submit therefore the following Resolutions.

Resolved that the suit now depending in the Court of Chancery between Christian Bergh and the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York be settled on the terms mentioned in the foregoing Report according to Mr Berghs offer to that effect, and that the former Counsel to this Board, by whom the said suit has been conducted be instructed accordingly.

Resolved that the Counsel prepare a Grant to Mr Bergh in conformity with the said terms [19] of settlement, and that the same be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board and be delivered to Mr Bergh he paying the expences thereof and complying on his part with the said terms of Settlement.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Wm W Mott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the Trustees of Columbia College accompanied with a Deed of Cession of that part of Chapel street between Murray & Barclay streets presented the following Report.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the Trustees of Columbia College accompanied by a Deed of Cession of the land known as Chapel street as the same has been widened between Murray and Barclay streets.

Respectfully Report

That they have caused the said Deed of Cession to be examined by the Counsel, and the same has been approved of by him—They offer therefore the following Resolution.

[20] Resolved that the said Cession from the Trustees of Columbia College be accepted by the Common Council.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Lovett
George D Strong
John Rogers
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the Counsel relative to opening 24th Street, also of widening Pine street presented the following Report

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the Counsel to the Board stating that the Supreme Court at their late Session had confirmed the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the case of opening the 24th Street from the Ninth Avenue to the Tenth Avenue, and also for the widening of Pine street at William street, and that it remained with the Common Council to designate the time when the same should be carried into effect. On which your Committee respectfully Report.

That in their opinion the opening of 24th Street ought to be carried into effect without delay [21] And that the widening of Pine street should be delayed until the first day of May next.

And accordingly submit the following Resolutions.

Resolved that the opening of Twenty fourth street between the Ninth and Tenth Avenues be carried into Effect on the first day of January next, and that the incumbrances be removed therefrom within Thirty days thereafter.

Resolved that the widening of Pine street be delayed until the first day of May next and that the buildings and incumbrances be removed therefrom within thirty days thereafter

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
John Lovett
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have side walks of Morton street paved between Bleecker & Washington streets presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have the side walks of Morton street paved between Bleecker [22] street and Washington street

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted, and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved that the Side walks of Morton street be paved from Bleecker street to Washington street

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
John Lovett
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition of R C Wetmore for compensation for injury done his House while blasting Rocks on the 3d Avenue presented the following Report against the same.

The Committee on Roads to whom was referred the Petition of R C Wetmore, asking payment for damage done his House near the Six mile stone, by reason of blasting Rocks on the Third Avenue by Corporation Agents Report

That they have had several interviews with the Petitioner, and other persons, and have been [23] unable to find such evidence, as would induce them to award damages in a similar case between private Individuals. They therefore offer the annexed Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

G Lee
Samuel Stevens
John Rogers
John Lovett
B. J Meserole.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Odell for remuneration for damages done his premises in repairing the Road near Hamilton Hill presented the following Report against the same.

The Committee on Roads to whom was referred the Petition of John Odell

Report

The Petitioner was the Lessee of a House which he occupied as a Tavren, situated and fronting on the Third Avenue, on the summit of Hamilton Hill, through which the late repairs of the Road have necessarily caused a deep cutting, destroying the natural level between the House [24] and Road, and in effect cutting off the direct entrance from one to the other, whereby the premises are materially injured for the Tavren purposes of the Petitioner, and he asks for such remuneration as shall be deemed reasonable.

With the great aggregate benefits arising from repairing the Roads, some causes of individual injury must necessarily occur in cases of opening new Roads, ample statutory provision has been made for equalizing the benefits and damage among the Parties affected, but your Committee find no legal provisions in relation to the benefits or damage which may accrue from repairing Old Roads.

Nor do they find any rule or precedent, to guide them in the case of the Petitioner, if his prayer be granted, then, it must be gratuitious, or on the principle of common equity, and the feelings of the Committee lean strongly to this course, but they apprehend it would open a wide door for unequal disbursments of the Public money for this class of damages, while at the same time all legal doors are closed against the Assessment, and collection of benefits, which seem to be the only legitimate funds applicable to such payments

The uneven surface of our Island, and the great travel so near the City leave few places on our Roads, which do not require either cutting down, or filling up, it is not likely the benefit and damage [25] will be precisely equal, to any two Individuals; several Vallies of considerable length and depth have been filled, during the present and past season, by which, much of the adjoining Land is effectually barred from its natural entrance to the Road, if payment be made in case of damage, it should be extended to all, and as there is no legal officer to make the equitable Assessments, and no proper fund from which to make payment, the Committee feel constrained to Report against the application.

The Petitioner further asks remuneration for the use of his premises for the Cattle Implements and Workmen employed on the Road, this claim will be properly adjusted by the Superintendent of Roads, to whose duty it specially belongs.

In conclusion the Committee offer the annexed Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the Prayer of the Petitioner.

G Lee
Samuel Stevens
John Rogers
John Lovett
B. J. Meserole

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[26] The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have 86th Street worked into a convenient Road between the 5th & 8th Avenues presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Eighty sixth street worked into a convenient Road between the 5th and 8th Avenues

Respectfully Report

That in the year 1828 that street was opened from the Hellgate Ferry to the 8th Avenue and subsequently worked into a good road between the Ferry and the 5th Avenue, no order has been taken to work that part between the 5th and 8th Avenues, now asked for. Public convenience seems to require that some direct communication should be afforded between those Avenues. Your Committee would therefore recommend that 86th Street be worked into a passible and convenient Road, or Carriage way between the 5th and 8th Avenues at a sum not exceeding Four hundred dollars, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Fences and other incumbrances be removed from Eighty sixth street between the Fifth and Eighth Avenues and that the same be worked into a convenient Road at an expence not exceeding Four hundred Dollars

G Lee
[27] Samuel Stevens
John Rogers
John Lovett
B. J. Meserole

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petitions and Remonstrances on the subject of making an addition to the Catharine Market presented a Report in favor of the Petition which was Laid on the Table, and on Motion made the order of the day, at the next regular meeting.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees of Columbia College, and also others relative to the location of Engine N° 6 presented the following Report.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petitions of the Trustees of Columbia College, also the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Chapel, Hudson, Reed & Chambers street together with a Petition of the Members of Fire Engine Company N° 6 for a location for the same beg leave respectfully to Report

That your Committee have given the subject [28] committed to them, that attention its importance demanded, but have not been able to procure a Lot in fee, and on the contrary they have found no little difficulty in Leasing or hireing any eligible situation, and they would further state, that the Fire Engine for some time past has been stored at the Corporation yard, and this is the more to be regreted, as she has a full complement of Firemen now attached to the same, ready and anxious to do their duty.

Your Committee would state that M^r^ Thomas T Griffen the Lessee of Lot N° 106 Reed street from Trinity Church, having four years unexpired from first of May next at Seventy five Dollars per Annum size of Lot 25 feet front and rear, and 87 feet 6 inches deep is willing to sell the same for Nine Hundred & fifty Dollars, there is on the Lot a Wooden House, and Stables in the rear, the House could be sold for a small price, but the stables in the rear could be rented for a rent that would reduce the annual expence to the Corporation materially, they would therefore offer for the consideration of the Common Council the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department be and is hereby empowered to purchase the above Lease on the said terms and the Comptroller is hereby directed to Report a Warrant for the same.

Resolved that the Superintendent of [29] Repairs have a suitable House built on the same for Fire Engine Company N° 6 under direction of the Committee on the Fire Department.

Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department, rent such

part of the above Lot as may not be wanted for the above House, and also that they sell the Wooden House now on the premises.

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
P. W Engs
John Rogers
Samuel Stevens
James Palmer
William Scott.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Watch and Lamp Committees to whom was referred the Petition of Inhabitants of the 12th Ward for an extension of Watch & Lamp District presented the following Report in favor of the extension.

The Watch and Lamp Committees to whom were referred the annexed Petition from a number of Inhabitants of the 12th Ward praying for an extension of the Watch & Lamp District

Respectfully Report.

That the Watch and Lamp District as now [30] established is Bounded by 14th Street and extending across the City from the North to the East River, the Petitioners wish it may be so enlarged as to embrace the space Bounded by 6th Avenue from 14th to 21st Streets and from thence to the North River, your Committee having made the necessary inquiry and examination, are of opinion that from the numerous improvements and dense population of a considerable portion of the above district, an extension of the Watch and Lamps are highly necessary for the safety, peace and accommodation of its inhabitants; it is estimated that for the necessary lighting of the settled parts of the district, so described will require 40 Lamps, the cost of each Lamp will be $11 $^{81}/_{100}$ yearly, making an annual expence for Lamps of $452,$^{40}/_{100}$. The number of Watchmen requisite, your Committee believe will not exceed Four posts or eight men, the Annual expence for which will be $2555, or $638,$^{75}/_{100}$ each post, making for Watch and Lamps an aggregate sum of $3007 $^{40}/_{100}$. As the amount of this expenditure will hereafter be assessed upon the 12th Ward, Your Committees can perceive no objection to granting the prayer of the Petitioners, and therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Watch & Lamp Districts be so extended as to run along the Westerly side of the 6th Avenue to 21st Street, from thence along the Southerly side thereof to the North River, including

the intermediate [31] space between 14th & 21st Streets, and that 40 Lamps be placed thereon under the direction of the Lamp Committee. And that a Watch not to exceed four posts or eight men be arranged on said district by patrole or otherwise, under the direction of the Watch Committee.

John Lovett
P. W Engs
David Bryson
Wm W Mott
William Scott
} Watch Committee

James N Wells
Henry Arcularius
W Seaman
} Lamp Commt

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Fire Engine Company No 18 for a New Engine House and also Location presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the several Petitions of Fire Engine Company No 18 for a Location and also for a New Engine House beg leave Respectfully

to Report

That they have experienced no inconsiderable difficulty in procuring a proper site for the same, [32] as in the opinion of your Committee it is very desirable to have the same as near the Sixth Avenue as it could be conveniently placed, they have now offered to them a Lot in Amity street near Sixth Avenue belonging to Mr Uzziah Wenman 25 feet 3 inches front and rear and Eighty feet deep for the sum of Fourteen hundred Dollars, which your Committee, would recommend the purchase of, and also the Building of a new House on the same, they accordingly recommend for the consideration of the Common Council the following Resolutions.

Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department be and is hereby empowered to purchase the above Lot, and that the Comptroller Report a warrant for the amount of the consideration money, on the Certificate of the Counsel of the Board that the title is complete.

Resolved that the Superintendent of Repairs have a suitable Engine House built on the above Lot under the direction of the Committee on the Fire Department.

Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department be and are

hereby empowered to Lease such part of the Lot as shall not be required for said Engine House.

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
[33] P W Engs
John Rogers
Samuel Stevens
James Palmer
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Gilbert Coutant & others for a Public Hay Scale in the neighbourhood of Tompkins Market presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Gilbert Coutant and others praying that a Public Hay Scales may be established in the neighbourhood of the Tompkins Market

Respectfully Report.

That the above place has lately been designated for the sale of Hay, and the Committee are of opinion that it is a suitable and proper place for a Public Hay Scale, They offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the privilege of erecting a Hay Scale at the corner of Hall street and Sixth street and of wheighing Hay at the same, be leased for the term of Ten years to some proper person under the direction of the Market Committee, and that the said Committee receive proposals for such [34] Lease and have power to agree for the same.

Benjamin M Brown
Jonathan Seymour
B. J Meserole
David Marsh
William Seaman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Nicholas Ryerson for Transfer of Stall N° 8 Fulton Market to William H M°Cready also of William H M°Cready to transfer Stall N° 31 Catharine Market to Nicholas Ryerson, Also of Lewis Lawton to transfer Stall N° 8 Grand street Market to William Aitkins presented the following Report in favor of said Petitions.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of

Nicholas Ryerson to transfer his Stall N° 8 Fulton Market to William H M^cCready of William H M^cCready to transfer his Stall N° 31 Catharine Market to Nicholas Ryerson, Also of Lewis Lawton to transfer his Stall N° 8 Grand street Market to William Aitkins Respectfully Report

That the two first named Petitioners merely ask for an exchange of Stalls from Fulton to Catharine Market, which request your Committee deem reasonable. The other Petitioner William [35] Aitkins is well recommended for Stall N° 8 Grand street Market. The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to William H M^c-Cready for Stall N° 8 Fulton Market. To Nicholas Ryerson for Stall N° 31 Catharine Market To William Aitkins for Stall N° 8 Grand street Market.

Respectfully submitted.

Benjamin M Brown
Jonathan Seymour
B. J Meserole
David Marsh
W Seaman.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Martin to be relieved from an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Martin to be relieved from an erroneous Tax

Respectfully Report.

That M^r Martin appeared before the Committee and testified that he was taxed on his personal property for 1830 in the Sixth ward on $5000, Whereas he is worth no personal property. M^r Martin [36] further testified that he was very ill during the period that the Assessors Books were open and the Certificate of the Assessors fully corroborating his statement. The Committee offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of Thomas Martin on $5000, in the Sixth Ward be and the same is hereby remitted

George D Strong
Jonathan Seymour
Henry Arcularius
Thomas Jeremiah
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of William B Lewis to be relieved from the payment of a Tax presented the following Report against the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of William B Lewis to be relieved from Tax respectfully Report.

That Mr Lewis appeared before the Committee and stated that he conceived that his Tax on the House corner of Reed street and Broadway was erroneous, being in his opinion much greater than the Tax on the property in the vicinity

[37] As however the Assessors of the Ward declined giving a Certificate acknowledging the error, if such existed, the Committee were of opinion that the rule of the Board in such cases precluded their interference.

They offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

George D Strong
Jonathan Seymour
Henry Arcularius
Thomas Jeremiah
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Recorder presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Police Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to a Committee to enquire and Report to the Board what compensation shall be allowed to Watchmen whom may be compelled to attend the Special Sessions as witnesses and in what manner they may be paid

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving the side walks of Morton [38] street from Bleecker street to Washington street, which was passed and Shivers Parker, Thomas R Smith and Samuel Gilford were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented the following which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner respectfully recommends that John Hanmer be appointed to Collect the Assessment for opening Twenty fourth Street, and for widening Pine street respectively.

The Recorder presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Law Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to the Law Committee to procure

some suitable person or persons to compile in one Volume all the Statute Laws of the State which relate to the City of New York, and that the same be conveniently digested and arranged under appropriate heads—And that the person or persons so employed affix thereto a clear and perspicuous Index.

Resolved that the said Volume contain if it be practicable by way of Addenda, or otherwise such Laws relating to the City of New York, as may be passed at the ensuing session of the Legislature.

[39] Resolved that the Law Committee, may if they deem it expedient, include in the said Volume the former and present Constitutions of the State, and the Original Charter, and the present as ratified by the Legislature.

Resolved that the Law Committee Report to this Board their opinion as to the number of Copies which it will be expedient to have printed, And the probable expence which will be necessarily incurred.

Alderman Lee with the consent of the Recorder added the following Resolutions which were also referred to the Law Committee.

Resolved that the person so employed by the Committee Report to them from time to time any amendments which may suggest themselves to his mind as necessary or proper in or to any of the existing Laws, as well as any new provisions which he may deem expedient.

Resolved that the person so employed have free access to all public papers and Records at all reasonable Hours and that all Officers of the Corporation be requested to give such person all reasonable information which he may find it necessary to call for.

[40] M$^{r}$ Engs presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Watch Committee with powers.

Resolved that the Watch Committee be instructed to cause the Watch Houses of the City to be cleaned at Public Charge by persons appointed with their sanction.

M$^{r}$ Engs presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Police Committee.

Resolved that the Police Committee be requested to Report to this Board whether in their opinion it is not expedient to require by Law that all Straw sold in the Market in bundles shall be of a certain weight.

Alderman Lee presented the following which was referred to the Committee on applications to the Legislature with authority to advertise for objections.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to enquire and Report to the Common Council of the

expediency of renewing at the ensuing Session of the Legislature such applications as failed to be granted the last Session.

[41] Upon motion of Alderman Stevens it was Resolved that the Report of the Special Committee on the subject of the supply of Water by the Manhattan Company presented on the 31st May last, and Laid on the Table, be made the Order of the day at the next Meeting of the Board, and be then called up and considered.

The Comptroller presented the following Report of Cash Act[t]

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| Balance as per Act[t] 29th Novemb[r] | $167.69 |
| Rec[d] for Streets | 7895. |
| " " Tax 1830 | 6100. |
| " " Rents | 4233.45 |
| " " Street Manure for Novem[r] | 1346.65 |
| " " Justices Courts | 765.93 |
| " " Fines of Sheriff | 669.36 |
| " " Tavren Licences | 470. |
| " " Arrears of Tax | 173.91 |
| " " Clerk of Sessions fees | 155.12 |
| " " District Attorneys fees | 132.58 |
| " " Wells & Pumps | 104.50 |
| " " Superior Court fees | 87. |
| " " Commutation Alien Passengers | 50. |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 16. |
| | $22,357.19 |

[42] 60 Accounts Audited & Directed to be paid.

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| Blauvelt & Stewart | Watch | 1st | Dist | | 1392.12 |
| Astin & Field | Do | 2d | " | | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring | Do | 3d | " | | 945. |
| Aldm Nevius | granting | Tavren & Excise | Licences | 1 year 1 Jany 1831 | 56. |
| " Roosevelt | " | " | " | | 44. |
| " Mott | " | " | " | | 56. |
| " Seymour | " | " | " | | 56. |
| " Stevens | " | " | " | | 56. |
| " Mandeville | " | " | " | | 56. |
| " I Brown | " | " | " | | 56. |
| " Bryson | " | " | " | | 56. |
| " Lamb | " | " | " | | 20. |
| " Arcularius | " | " | " | | 56. |
| " Strong | " | " | " | | 56. |
| " Townsend | " | " | " | | 16. |
| " Seaman | " | " | " | | 56. |
| " Scott | " | " | " | | 56. |
| " B M Brown | " | " | " | | 56. |
| " Beadel | " | " | " | | 56. |
| " Wells | " | " | " | | 56. |

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| Aldm Rogers granting Tavren & Excise Licenses 1 year 1 Jany 1831 | | 56. | |
| " Meserole " " " | | 56. | |
| " Jeremiah " " " | | 56. | |
| " Marsh " " " | | 56. | |
| " Dibblee " " " | | 56. | |
| " [43] Lee " " " | | 56. | |
| " Cooper " " " | | 52. | |
| " Palmer " " " | | 56. | |
| " Lovett " " " | | 56. | |
| " Woodruff " " " | | 56. | |
| " Engs " " " | | 56. | |
| U Wenman Chief Engineer 1 Qur Salary 8 Decr..... | | 200. | |
| D Hageman Superdt Wharves 1 Qr 5 Decr..... | | 150. | |
| L Baum Clk Washington Market 1 Mo 1 Decr.... | | 80.67 | |
| J M Devoy Clerk 3 Markets " " .... | | 57.50 | |
| J Coffin Asst Inspector removs Nuisances " " .... | | 49.38 | |
| Thos Longworth 12 Copies City Directory for 1830 & 1831.. | | 27. | |
| George B Thorp Keeper City Prison & 2 Depts 1 Qr 1 Decr | | 500. | |
| Abm Leggett Super Mud scow 4 weeks to 12th Decr..... | | 243.45 | |
| D. T. Valentine Marshal Marine Court 1 Mo 1 Decr..... | | 32.50 | |
| J M Bloodgood Super Sts 1 Mo 1 Decr Expences..... | | 1395.70 | |
| G Lovett Atty for B McCafferty Actt filling in 6th St between 1st Avenue & Avenue A..... | | 3500. | |
| A Daily & 34 Associates Assessing pavs Streets, bulkheads Sewers Wells & Pumps 24 May to 18 Decr..... | | 1076.25 | |
| J Pollock Actt reg & pavs 7 Avenue fm Greenwich Lane to 21st St ..... | | 200. | |
| T Cummings Actt pavs 13th St fm 3d to 5th Avenue..... | | 200. | |
| S Fargay Actt building Sewer in & repavs Stone St..... | | 180. | |
| J Devlin Actt paving Burton fm Bedford to Bleecker St.... | | 150. | |
| R Pettigrew Actt pavs 6th St fm 2d to 3d Avenue..... | | 120. | |
| H Cochran repavs Batavia St fm Jas to Roosevelt St..... | | 84.24 | |
| J. C Tucker repairs Culverts Canal & Chapel St..... | | 88.32 | |
| D Harron bal on Well Crosby near Houston St..... | | 37.62 | |
| [44] P McGlinn half amount for Well Forsyth n Stanton St | | 37.50 | |
| R Graves St Comr Actt McAdamizing 3d Avenue..... | | 2000. | |
| R Graves St Comr Actt Expences Lands & Places..... | | 300. | |
| Abm Storms 4th & last payt building Piers James Slip..... | | 783.44 | |
| R Pettigrew Corporation ⅓ pavs Delancy St..... | | 403.50 | |
| Wm Mason Superintending filling Bulkhead at Jas Slip.... | | 119.50 | |
| A Burtis Super Alms House for Alms House..... | | 5000. | |
| Wm A Hardenbrook arresting a Prisoner by order..... | | 5. | |
| John Fleming Treasr Amt pd Witnesses ordered by Court.. | | 15. | 21.843.69 |
| | Balance | | $513.50 |

Board Adjourned to Monday the 27th Decemr 1830 at 5 OClock P M.

[45] In Common Council December 27th 1830

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
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| Peter J. Nevius | |
| Wm W. Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb. | Peter S Townsend |
| George D. Strong | William Scott |
| William Seaman | Joseph W. Beadel |
| Benjamin M. Brown | John Rogers |
| James N. Wells | Thomas Jeremiah |
| Bernard J Meserole | Fyler Dibblee |
| Gideon Lee | Peter Cooper |
| James Palmer | John Lovett |
| Thomas T. Woodruff. | Philip W. Engs |

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Silas Holmes and others Merchants praying that they may be allowed to confer with a Committe of the [46] B[o]ard relative to the alteration of the Quarintine Laws was read and referred to the Committee on Application to the Legislature

A Communication from James Shaw Sheriff of the City and County protesting against the insecurity of the Building now occupied as a Jail was read and referred to the Committee on Repairs with powers and the sum of Five Hundred Dollars appropriated for secureing of said Building

A Petition of Lewis Rogers for the Office of Keeper of the New York Institution was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices

A Communication from Cadwallader D. Colden President of the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents praying the Board to repeal their Resolution of the 10th of May last suspending the payment of $1.5\%_{00}$ Tax paid on each Tavern & Excise License and received by the Corporation was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of William Lockwood and [47] others Hell Gate Pilots to permit their Small Boats to lay at the Wharves free of expense was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Nathaniel L. Asten for payment of certain costs of suits incurred by him in defence of certain Suits against him as Cap-

tain of the 2nd District Watch was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Remonstrance of Owners in fee and of leasehold lots on Harman Street against changing the name of that Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John Watts to be released from the payment of Prersonal Tax also of Allen Smith to be relieved from an erroneous Tax were read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Adam Treadwell and others to have the side walks in Chapel Street opposit the College widened was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of John R. [P] Roome Crier of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and Goal delivery [48] and of the General Sessions of the Peace for an increase of Salary was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of Butchers of Tompkins Market for a reduction of the rent of their stalls was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of the Masters and Mariners of the City and Port of New York praying the Board to unite with them in obtaining a more just and appropriate distribution of the money raised for the benefit of the House of Refuge was read and reffered to a Special Committee consisting of Mr Townsend Alderman Seaman and Mr Bryson

A Petition of Thomas Frost for the office of Measurer of Grain also of George M. Troutman to be appointed an Inspector and Weigher of Anthracite Coal were read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of a Committee of the Fire Department praying for an alteration in [49] the 2nd Section of the Law relating to said Department was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department

A Petition of Peter Smith for payment of a Balance due him for regulating Lewis and North Streets was read and referred to the Finance Committee

The Chief Engineers presented the following Return of Firemen the resignations were acceped and appointments made Vizt

Fire Engine Co

No 1.

James Thompson Moulder, 57 Washington St To fill Company.

No 9

Charles B. Kemble, Carver 30 Beaver Street

Vc Emanuel B. Hart. Resigned

John Finch Gilder 29 Stone Street V^e George Gordon Resigned.
Forsyth Labagh Stone Cutter 24 Greenwich Street.
Munroe Washington Woodward Cabinet Marker—34 Beaver Street
John Roberts Hoole Engraver 9 Elm Street.
John Sutcliff Marble Cutter 137 Greenwich Street.

[50] N° 11

Jno. A. M^cDougall. Grocer 31 Stone Street To fill Company.

N° 18.

John G. Walling Shoe Maker 162 King Street
V^e George Hamilton Res^d

N° 34.

John J. Wunnenberg Pump Marker 22 Clarkson Street
V^e Jacob A. Roome Resigned
Andrew Henderson Painter Grove Street.
V^e A G. Depew. Resigned
John Mastin, Carpenter 285 Hudson Street
V^e D D. Depew. D°
*Munroe* [Munson] Tompkins, Carpenter Sixth Street
Abraham T. Banta Carman 650 Greenwich Street. } To fill Company

Hook & Ladder Co.

N° 2

Hezekiah Bunce, Hatter 347 Pearl Street
V^e Robert C. Roberts Resigned

N° 3

Abraham G. Depew, Cartman 84 Charlton Street
V^e John J. Wunenburge Resigned
Daniel D. Depew. Cartman 84 Charlton Street
Andrew Henderson D°

[51] The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for correcting nuisances.

The City Inspector Respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting nuisances Viz^t

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| N° | 1 | William Moore | owner. | 252 | Greenwich | Street. | Privvy. |
| " | 2 | Patrick Bayley | Lessee | 100 | Anthony | " | " |
| " | 3 | J M. Montgomery | [owner] | 114 | " | " | " |
| " | 4 | G. Arcularius | owner | 104 | " | " | " |
| " | 5 | Hannah Cunningham | " | —— | " | " | " |
| " | 6 | Thomas Castillo | " | 122 | " | " | " |
| " | 7 | Thomas Scott | " | 140 | " | " | " |

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| No | 8 | Christina Williams | owner | 50 | Elm. | Street. | Privvy. |
| " | 9 | " " | " | 115 | Anthony | " | " |
| " | 10 | Peter Lorilard | " | 113 | " | " | " |
| " | 11 | Elvina Benson | " | 111 | " | " | " |
| " | 12 | George *Gotsburgh* [Gottsberger] | " | 109 | " | " | " |
| " | 13 | William Ogilvie | " | 105 | " | " | " |
| " | 14 | Jacob Lang. | " | 99 | " | " | " |
| " | 15. | Alexander Gesling | " | 97 | " | " | " |

I. Warren
City Inspector.

Which were passed

The Counsel reported that the Supreme Court had confirmed the Report of the Commissioners on opening Fifth Street which was referred to the Street Committee. He also reports [52] that on *that on* the Application of the Grocers relative to the additional excise duty of $1.^{5}\%_{00}$ for the benefit of the House of Refuge, the Supreme Court have refused the Motion thereby deciding that the said duty is a legal one Which was laid on the Table and afterwards called up and referred to the Finance Committee

The Street Commissioner presented the following Returns of Delinquents on sundry Assessments,

On the Assessments for paving Hall Street from 6th to 7th Street—Also for paving 21st Street from the 8th to the 9th Avenue—Also for paving the 8th Avenue from 13th to 21st Street—also for paving the Sidewalks of Bleecker Street from Hancock to Downing Street,—also for paving the sidewalks of the Bowery between 6th and 8th Streets, Whereupon Warrants were directed to issue to John Hanmer the Collector thereof

Also on the Assessments for Regulating 6th Street from Avenue D to Lewis Street—and also for paving 7th Street from the 2nd to the 3d Avenue. Whereupon Warrants were directed to be issued to Thomas Cotrell the collector thereof.

[53] The Report of the Market Committee on the Petition and Remonstrance relative to Catharine Market which was made the order of the day for this Meeting was called up and read in the following Words.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the several Petitions and Remonstrances on the subject of Catharine Market.

Respectfully Report.

That they have fully considered the subject to which the said Petitions and remonstra[n]ces relate and have heard the statements and

views of the parties interested therein; And the opinion at which they have arrived is that the Upper old Market beween Cherry and Water streets should be taken down, and that a New Market with granite Columns conforming to a plan which they have caused to be made, should be erected—They have estimated that the expence of such new Market will be about $4000, The Committee therefore offer the following Resolutions.

Resolved that, that part of the Catharine Market lying between Cherry and Water street be taken down and that a New Market conforming with the plan which has been made thereof be erected in the place thereof.

Resolved that the Market Committee [54] receive proposals for the building of such Market and that $4000, be appropriated for the expences thereof

Benjamin M Brown
W Seaman
B. J. Meserole
David Marsh
Jon[a] Seymour

A Motion was made to postpone the consideration, which was lost—The question was then taken on Adopting the Report and Resolution and was carried in the Affirmative

Alderman I Brown gave notice of reconsideration.

The Committee on Applications for Office on appointment of City Weigher to whom was referred the several Petitions for that Office presented the following Report in favor of appointing William Dodge.

The Committee on applications for Office to whom was referred the several Petitions for the Office of City Weigher respectfully Report.

That there is a vacancy in the Weighers Department by the death of John Dodge, that they have duly considered the Petitions before them, and have come to the conclusion to recommend [55] William Dodge as a suitable person to fill said Office, and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that William Dodge be and he is hereby appointed a City Weigher in the place of John Dodge deceased

Respectfully submitted
B J Meserole
John Lovett
Peter J Nevius

Which was approved the Resolution adopted, and William Dodge was accordingly appointed.

The Lamp Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have a part of the 3d Avenue lighted by Lamps presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Lamp Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the 12th Ward relative to lighting a part of the 3d Avenue beg leave to Report

That they have had the subject before them and made the necessary inquiries, and have given it the consideration it demands. Although that part of the Avenue that is asked to be lighted is beyond the Lamp District, yet after taking into consideration the thickly settled neighborhood at [56] the Bulls Head, and the number of persons who are obliged to travel that road, and more especially since the conversion of the Penitentiary into our Bridewell and City Prison, your Committee deem it very unsafe, and think it advisable and are of opinion, that the prayer of the Petitioners should be granted. The Avenue being lighted as far as 14th Street, Your Committee would recommend that the Lamps be placed in the Section asked to be lighted, at a greater distance from each other than generally. They therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Lamp Committee be authorized to have 14 Lamps placed on the 3d Avenue between 14th & 28th Streets under their direction.

James N Wells
W Seaman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in Crosby street near Bleecker street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward & Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of sundry persons owners of [57] property for a Well & Pump in Crosby near Bleecker street Respectfully Report.

That it is expedient a Well and Pump should be placed, where applied for, and offer the following resolution.

Resolved that a Well be sunk and a pump erected therein in Crosby street near Bleecker street.

James N Wells
John Rogers
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the subject of accommodating the 1st District City Watch in the West end of the Building known as the Old Alms House presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution of Assistant Alderman Engs, on the subject of accommodating the 1st District Watch in the West end of the Old Alms House

Respectfully Report.

That your Committee have examined the apartments now in the occupation of the 1st District Watch, and believe there is not sufficient room for their accommodation, the superficial measurement is [58] about 3.400 feet. This Watch including Officers consists of 112 Men, and the number of prisoners each night vary from four to twenty, among the prisoners are of course some of a very turbulent and noisy character, and who for want of a subteranean place of confinement, prevent the men by their noise from taking their necessary repose, and which with justice has been a frequent cause of complaint, there is another evil under which the present location labours, that is the windows being on the rear only, prevent that circulation of air through the premises, which is essential for its purification as well as for the health of the Watchmen. The West end of the Old Alms House offers far superior Accommodations by appropriating 124 feet in length [it] will give 4760 s[u]perficial feet which is rather over one third larger than the present Watch House, the advantages resulting from the change will be that, a proper circulation of air can readily be admitted having Windows on both sides of the building, that Cells can be constructed for the confinement of prisoners which the present Watch House is deficient in a Room for the Captains and Assistants, seperate from the sleeping room of the men, in which prisoners of a certain class can be examined, and where the Officers can be consulted by the members of the Board, Police Magistrates and [59] others out of hearing of the Watchmen—the estimated cost of making the necessary alterations will not exceed $1200, perhaps not more than $1000, as the Police Office Court of Sessions and Grand Jury Rooms are to be established in that Building and the workmen are now engaged in making the necessary alterations for their accommodation your Committee are of opinion that the Watch and Police should be as contiguous as possible and as the contemplated removal will add greatly to the convenience of the 1st District Watch, and also be conducive to the health of the Men, recommend that the alteration and fitting up be

commenced forthwith and be[g] leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved that one hundred and twenty four feet of the Basement from the West end of the Old Alms House be and it is hereby appropriated for the use and accommodation of the 1st District Watch, and that the necessary alterations be made therein at a sum not to exceed twelve hundred Dollars

John Lovett
P W. Engs
W W. Mott
David Bryson
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[60] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Bielby and others relative to the money received for surplus Earth on 21st Street between 8th and 9th avenues presented the following Report against the same

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Bielby and others residing on 21st Street between 8th and 9th Avenues praying that the money received for surplus earth on the said street should be applied towards the payment of an assessment for paving the same.

Respectfully Report

That the Petitioners are either Purchasers from or Lessees under Clement C. Moore Esqr and by their respective Deeds or Leases are bound to pay all assessments and charges upon their respective lots. That on the opening of 21st Street by Commissioners, the sum of $13,300 was advanced to Mr Moore for the land taken for the Street and Mr Moore of his own accord and without being legally bound so to do, paid all the sums assessed upon the lots of the Petitioners and others amounting in the whole to $12,614. Mr Moore has since received about $1200 for the proceeds [61] of the surplus earth. The above particulars the Committee have ascertained from the Deputy Street Commissioner, and they are not denied by the applicants. The Committee are satisfied that the Petitioners never had any legal right to the said surplus Earth or the proceeds therefrom, but even if this were doubtful they do not think that the Corporation under the above state of facts, should interfere to deprive Mr Moore of the same for the benefit of the Petitioners. They offer therefore the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant any relief on the prayer of the said Petitioners

W. Seaman
Benjamin M. Brown
William W. Mott
Peter J. Nevius

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Law Committee to whom was referred the subject of classifying and printing all the State Laws relative to the City presented a Report in favor of the printing under the direction of the Law Committee, which was read Laid on the Table and ordered to be printed

[62] The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of John Crawbuck James Shaw and William Granger relative to Stall N° 1 Franklin Market presented the following Report in favor of granting a License to W^m Granger for the same

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Crawbuck and James Shaw relative to Stall N° 1 Franklin Market also the Petition of William Granger for a Butchers License for said Stall

Respectfully Report that by an arrangement made with the respective parties M^r William Granger has lately become the Lessee of the same, and his Petition is accompanied with usual certificates of qualification—They therefore offer for the consideration of the Common Council the following Resolution

R[e]solved that a Butchers License be granted to William Granger for Butchers Stall N° 1 *1* Franklin Market

Benjamin M. Brown
W. Seaman
B J. Meserole
Jon^a Seymour

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[63] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Frederick Phillipse for the Collection of an Assessment on the House corner of Pine & William Streets presented the following Report against the same

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Frederick Phillips administrator of the Estate of Frederick Phillips dec^d praying the Common Council to Collect an Assessment on the

House Corner of Pine & William Streets from the personal property of the occupant.

Respectfully Report

That Mr Phillips appeared before the Committee and stated that the property which he represented, as agent at the corner of Pine and William Streets had been leased to Mr Niblo, with a proviso in the lease binding Mr Niblo to pay all assessments, and that subsequent to such contract the property had been assessed for widening William Street the sum of six hundred and fifty Dollars

This assessment which Mr Niblo had omitted paying and the object of the application by Mr Phillips was that the Common Council might release the real Estate & direct the Collector to resort to the personal property which might be *be* found on the premises, as the Law which [64] specifies the duties of Collector of Assessments is a Law of the State an[d] as in the opinion of the Committee it would be improper for the Common Council to direct or controul that officer in the discharge of his duties they offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the *prayer of the* petitioner

Geo D. Strong
Thos Jeremiah
Jns Seymour
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel G Ogden for relief from an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favour of the same

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel G. Ogden to be releived from an erroneous Tax

Respectfully Report.

That Mr Ogden appeared before the committee and testified that he was assessed for his personal [65] property on $10,000 in the 8th Ward, and that at the same time he was Insolvent,

He further testified that he called at the Office of the Assessors on the day specified in their advertisement and waited some time without being able to see them. when he left a note stating the fact of his Insolvency and requesting them to erase his name from the Books

This he supposed was done until the collector called and demanded the Tax.

The assessors certificate hereto annexed, confirms his statement in relation to the error and the Committee beleiving him entitled to relief offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the personal Tax of Samuel G. Ogden in the 8th Ward on $10.000. be and the same is hereby remitted

Geo D. Strong
Jon[a] Seymour
Tho[s] Jeremiah
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Townsend to be relieved from an erroneous Tax presented the [66] following Report in favor of the same

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Townsend to be relieved from an erroneous personal Tax.

Respectfully Report:

That M[r] Townsend appeared before the Committee and testified that he was assessed for his personal property on $10,000, whereas his personal Estate is not worth more than $1000,

He further stated that he called on the assessors during the period that their Books were open for examination, and that on his representation they consented to reduce the same to $1000, but that from some inadvertance they omitted making the alteration

The assessors acknowledge the error, but assert that they do not recollect the circumstance of his calling on them, as M[r] Townsend appears to have taken proper means to have his Tax reduced the Committee beleive him entitled to relief. They offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the personal Tax of Peter Townsend in the 3[d] Ward be reduced from that on $10.000. to that on $1,000

[67] Geo D. Strong
Jon[a] Seymour
Tho[s] Jeremiah
William Scott,

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Clara Robins to be releived from an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Clara Robins to be releived from an erroneous Tax

Respectfully Report

That by an affidavit made by Mrs Robins it appeared that when the assessors called at her residence to impose the Tax, she informed them that her personal property was not worth more than Five hundred dollars which sum she had always been Taxed for—that the assessors expressed their satisfaction of the truth of her statement and agreed to place the same at that sum.

In consequence of this circumstance Mrs Robins did not apply when the Books were open for examination and supposed the Tax correct until the Collector demanded the Tax on $2500,

[68] In justification of the course the Assessors pursued it is proper to state that they received subsequent information, which induced them to believe the amount of her personal property greater than represented, but which by her affidavit is clearly correct.

As the Assessors acknowledge the error the Committee offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the personal Tax of Clara Robins in the Fifth ward be reduced from that on $2500, to that on $500 and that the surplus be placed among the errors of personal Taxes for 1830.

George D Strong
Jonas Seymour
Thos Jeremiah
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Executors of Benjamin Mott deceased for reduction of Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Executors of Benjamin Mott deceased for a reduction of Tax

Respectfully Report.

[69] That Alderman Mott appeared before the Committee and stated that the Estate of Benjamin Mott deceased had been erroneously assessed on personal property in three different Wards viz

Alderman Mott as Executor in the Second Ward $49,$^{20}/_{100}$—To William F Mott as executor in the Seventh Ward—$23,$^{1}/_{100}$ & to Elizabeth Mott the Widow of the deceased $4 $^{20}/_{100}$

Alderman Mott further stated that he had possession of the Books

of the deceased and that from this circumstance the Assessors of the 2nd Ward were of opinion that he was the proper person to be Assessed as Executor to the said Estate, and as he states that the Tax on the personal property of the deceased in the 2nd Ward, is the correct amount, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved, that the Tax on the personal Estate of the late Benjn Mott deceased. assessed to Wm F. Mott Executor in the Seventh Ward amounting to $23,1\%_{100}$. and the Tax on the personal estate of Elizabeth Mott amounting to $4 \; 2\%_{100}$ be and the same are hereby remitted

Geo. D, Strong
Jonas Seymour
[70] Thos Jeremiah
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the President & Directors of the Tradesmens Bank for a deduction of Tax presented the following Report against the same

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of the President, Directors & Co of the Tradesmens Bank for a deduction of Tax*

Respectfully Report

That the President & Cashier of that Institution appeared before the Committee and stated that the nominal capital of the Bank amounted to $480,000 divided into 12,000 shares at $40. each, that of that amount 8.634 shares amounting to $345,360 are held by individuals and that the 3366. shares making up the 12,000, are held by the Bank, and were principally derived from the Agents of the Life and Fire Insurance Company in 1825 by legal process and in lieu of Notes previously held and secured by said stock, which [71] notes were given up by the then Officers of the Bank and no value substituted in their stead. The Officers of the Bank therefore argue that the 3366 shares held by them are merely nominal—that they are the same as if they were never taken up or subscribed for and that neither by the letter or spirit of the Law can they be legitimate subjects of Taxation.

In support of this position they refer to the 15th section of the 2nd Title of the 13th Chapter of the Revised Statutes which makes it the duty of the assessors to value the Real and personal Estate of Indi-

*For further Report see page 173.

viduals at such sum as may be specified by affidavit and no more and by the 4th Title and 8th section of the same chapter the provisions of the before mentioned 15th Section are extended to monied and stock incorporations, subject to the like affidavit to be made by the proper Officers of the Institution.

An affidavit having been made before the Assessors, and the statement of the amount of capital of the Bank duly returned deducting the value of the 3366 Shares from their capital Stock, the President and Cashier are of the opinion that they have complied with the requisitions of the Law, and that the decision of the Board of Assessors Taxing the whole amount of [72] $480,000 is erroneous and they solicit the Common Council to make the deduction of $565 40/100 being the Tax on the 3366. Shares of Stock held by the Bank.

As the amount of deduction claimed is of considerable magnitude, the Committee Soliceted the advice of the counsel of the Board who furnished them with a written opinion which is hereto annexed by which it will be perceived that he is of opinion that the deduction is not warranted by the provisions of the Law referred to:

The Tradesmens Bank is an incorporated monied Institution which the Law contemplates Taxing on the whole amount of their Capital Stock. Which Capital Stock cannot be reduced except by an act of the Legislature.

If the Common Council therefore recognize the principle claimed by the Bank they virtually for all the purposes of Taxation reduce the Capital Stock of the institution in opposition to the Law of the Legislature.

If on the other hand the claim for deduction of Tax is based on the principle of the Value of the whole stock, deducting the deficiency which would arrise from the [73] subtraction of the funds of the Institution to the value of 3366 shares, thereby reducing the value of each share: the 7th Section of the 4th Title of the 13th Chapter of the Revised Statutes clearly defines the Incorporated companies which shall be permitted to be taxed on the cash value of stock, and leaves the basis of Taxation to monied Incorporations on the par Value of the whole stock originally paid in or secured to be paid in,

That the 3366 shares of the stock of the Tradesmen's Bank on which the deduction is claimed was originally paid in to the Bank or secured to be paid in, fully appears from the fact that at one time it was in the possession of the Life and Fire Insurance Co. & that some equivalent in the way of security was undoubtedly given in

exchange for the stock either by the individuals originally holding the same or by the Life and Fire Insurance Company.

For the above reasons the Committee are of opinion that the Tax imposed on the stock of Tradesmens Bank is just legal and proper and they beg leave to submit for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpe- [74] dient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

Geo. D. Strong
Jon$^{a}$ Seymour
Tho$^{s}$ Jeremiah
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

M$^{r}$ Bryson presented the following Resolution which was read and adopted

Resolved that when this Common Council adjorn, it adjourn to meet Tomorrow at 11 O'Clock for the special purpose of Electing a Mayor.

Alderman Strong presented the following which was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

Whereas the Office of Mayor of this City is a station of high importance and great responsibility, embracing official patronage to a large extent and necessarily wielding a corresponding political influence.

And whereas it is more desirable for the more efficient performance of the duties of important Offices that the incumbent [75] should receive the appointment directly from the peeple. Therefore Resolved that application be made to the Honorable the Legislature of this State at their next Session praying them to adopt the necessary measures to submit to the Electors of the state the propriety of so amending the Constitution of the same that the Mayor of this City will hereafter be elected by the People at the annual Election for Charter Officers in each and every year.

Alderman Lamb presented the following Resolution, which was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

Resolved that it be referred to the Law Committee to enquire whether the Law for conducting our Charter Elections, does not require some amendments in order to enable us to carry into effect our Amended Charter in April next, and especially whether there is

any oath prescribed by the present Laws which can be tendered by the Inspectors of Elections to an *Election* [Elector] who may be challenged as a test of his qualification to vote at such Election

[76] Alderman Stevens presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to enquire into and Report as to the expediency of having the Qualifications of Persons entitled to vote at the Charter Election assertained and by Law declared, and that the Oath be so framed as that a Residence in the Ward for some length of time previous to the Election, may be required of the Voter previous to receiveing his vote

Alderman Stevens presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

Resolved that the Committee on Applications to the Legislature report a Law, declaring all the Buildings which may be used to accommodate the Courts which are situate in the Park, the City Hall of the City of New York.

Alderman Strong presented the [77] following Resolution which was read and referred to the Police Committee

Resolved that it be referred to the Police Committee to enquire and report on the expediency of assigning so many special officers to attend to sunday duty as may be necessary in the Wards where the same are required during the ensuing Winter Months

Alderman Wells presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Lamp Committee

Resolved that the Lamp Committee be authorized to select some central location for the erection of a permanent Oil House, and Report the cost of the ground, and the cost and Plans of the necessary Buildings &c for the accommodation of the Department.

Alderman Strong presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Finance Committee

Whereas this Common Council having received satisfactory information that the Grocers of this City are taking the necessary measures to procure a Certaori of the last decision of the Supreme Court in relation to the charge [78] of one dollar and fifty cents in addition to the former charge for License, the proceeds of which was appropriated to the support of the House of Refuge and carry the same to

the Court of Errors for their decision thereon. Therefore Resolved, that this Common Council will retain the amount Collected from the above source until the decision of the Court of Errors is made known.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 12th Ward and the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in 18th Street near 10th Avenue presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 12th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the annexed petition for a Well and Pump in Eighteenth Street near the 10th avenue Respectfully Report, that in their opinion a Well and Pump is much wanted at that place, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a Pump placed therein in Eighteenth Street near the Tenth [79] Avenue

G, Lee
Peter Cooper
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and assessors appointed thereto Viz.

For a Well and Pump in 18th Street near 10th avenue and Garrit Forbes, Peter Stagg and Abraham Lefoy were appointed Assessors.

For a Well and Pump in Crosby Street near Bleeckers Street. and John Targee, Abraham Quick and John Harris were appointed Assessors.

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Repairs.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Repairs and Public Offices to Report to this Board what room in the City Hall will in their opinion be suitable to accommodate the additional chamber of the Common Council under the organization [80] of the New Charter and the estimate of expense for fitting up the same properly

On Motion the Report of the Committee on Fire Department to whom was referred the Return of the Chief Engineer of Fire Wardens of the 8th Ward was called up and referred back to the Committee.

The Report of the special Committee on the subject of the Manhattan Company's obligations to furnish a full supply of pure and wholesome water which was made the order of the day for this meeting, was directed to be the order of the day at the next meeting of the Board.

The Police Committee to whom was referred the subject of paying Watchmen for attending as witnesses on the special sessions presented the following Report in favor of allowing each Fifty cents.

The Police Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution relating to the pay of Watchmen for attending as witnesses on the Special Sessions Report [81] that it appears proper to allow the Watchmen some remuneration for attending as witnesses on the Special Sessions. They offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the watchman who are Subpoened or summoned to attend the Special Sessions and who actually attend the same be allowed in each case (where they are not parties, nor themselves in any way concerned with the complaint except as witnesses) fifty cents.

Samuel Stevens
W Seaman
Jon[a] Seymour
Peter J. Nevius
David Bryson

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Comptroller presented the following Report of Cash acc[t]

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| Balance as per acc[t] 13[th] Inst[t] | $513.50 |
| Rec[d] for Tax of 1830 | 29,625. |
| " " Streets | 4,015.27 |
| " " Docks & Slips | 1,200. |
| " " Rents | 1,008.63 |
| " " Tax of 1829 | 960.63 |
| " " Lamps | 312.11 |
| " " Justices Courts | 96.25 |
| " " Wells & Pumps | 27.78 |
| | $37.759.17 |

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| [82] Blauvelt & Stewart, Watch 1 Dist | $1392.12 |
| Astin & Field " 2[d] " | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring " 3[d] " | 945. |
| W[m] S, Smith Colle[tr] City Revenue 1 Q[r] Sal[y] 22[d] Dec[r] & expences | 300.75 |

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| O. Ayres & J. Coffin Asst City Inspetrs | | | | | 1 | Mo | 1 | Jany..... | 121.50 |
| Astin & Higbie asst Keeps City Hall | | | | | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | 77.50 |
| T Astin | Street | Inspectr | 1 | Ward | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | 46.50 |
| T Woolcocks | " | " | 2 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | 46.50 |
| J B, Ebbets | " | " | 3 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | 46.50 |
| N B, Lyon | " | " | 4 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | 46.50 |
| I A, Isaacs | " | " | 5 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | 46.50 |
| A Morris | " | " | 6 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | 46.50 |
| F Gantz. | " | " | 7 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | 46.50 |
| H B, Roome | " | " | 9 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | 46.50 |
| T. Austin | " | " | 10 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | 46.50 |
| A. Hatfield | " | " | 11 | " | 2 | " | 1 | " ..... | 91.50 |
| D. Hubbard | " | " | 13 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | 46.50 |
| P, Field | " | " | 14 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | 46.50 |
| R. Emmet. drafting Leases, Exams sundry claims &c 23d Augt to 27th Decr..... | | | | | | | | | 467. |
| H Mott & Co 3 stoves & fixtures for C. C. Room..... | | | | | | | | | 138.31 |
| P, Williamson for services in detecting Sarah Smith setting fire to a House Ordered 13 Decr..... | | | | | | | | | 125. |
| J, Morton Clerk C. C. for Hack Accounts..... | | | | | | | | | 44.79 |
| J Pinckney & A Parker asstes Board of Health | | | | | 1 | Mo | 1 | Jany. | 108. |
| J, Bremner Clk Catharine Market | | | | | 1 | " | 1 | " | 62. |
| J M. Devoy " 3 Markets | | | | | 1 | " | 1 | " | 58.50 |
| [83] S Fleet " Center | | | " | | 1 | " | 1 | " | 56.75 |
| Jas Seaman " Manhattan | | | " | | 1 | " | 1 | " | 31. |
| Geo *Rolillard* [Lorillard] Rent of Court room 9. 11. wards 1 Qr 1 Novr..... | | | | | | | | | 25. |
| H Sickles & J Secore sunday services 8th Ward 18 days each to 1st Jany..... | | | | | | | | | 54. |
| A Leggett supr Mud scow 2 weeks to 26th Decr..... | | | | | | | | | 153.85 |
| New York Gazette Subscription 6 Mo. 7 Decr..... | | | | | | | | | 50. |
| T Cumings acct pavg 8th Avenue fm 13th to 21st St..... | | | | | | | | | 1150. |
| R Pettigrew, acct pavg 6th St. " 2d to 3d Avenue..... | | | | | | | | | 500. |
| M D, Higgins Insptng paving Sts. &c 15th Feb. to 27th Decr | | | | | | | | | 338.36 |
| A Baudouine & associates comrs fees &c widening Pine betw Pearl & William Sts | | | | | | | | | 210. |
| R. Emmet Atty. costs &c do do do | | | | | | | | | 237.01 |
| J Slidell & associates comrs fees &c opening 5th St. fm Broadway to Mercer St | | | | | | | | | 243.12 |
| R Emmet atty. costs &c do do do do | | | | | | | | | 226.78 |
| D Lyon & associates comrs fees &c opening 24th St. fm 9th to 10 Avenues | | | | | | | | | 207. |
| R Emmet atty costs &c do do do | | | | | | | | | 206.49 |
| P Smith acct regulg 6th St Avenue D to Lewis St..... | | | | | | | | | 175. |
| G Lovett. Atty. for J Rile acct widening sidewalks Elizabeth St. fm Walker to Grand Sts..... | | | | | | | | | 130. |
| S, Fargay repavg Nassau Spruce to Beekman Sts..... | | | | | | | | | 65.64 |
| H Cochran bal repavg Stone St. fm Broad to Whitehall Sts. | | | | | | | | | 59.19 |
| P, Smith repairs Intersections 4 & 7 Wards..... | | | | | | | | | 10. |

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| J Pollock repairs Intersections & accepted Streets 9th Ward | 398.44 | |
| P McBarron do do " do " 11 & 13 Wards | 116.85 | |
| P Smith do do " do " 7th " | 49. | |
| D. Harron 1st payt Well Christie near Bayard Sts..... | 46.87 | |
| J McBarron " " " 15th St near Bloomingdale Road | 18.75 | |
| D Harron " " " Willet near Broome St..... | 21.75 | |
| [84] | | |
| J McBarron " " " Cherry bet Pike & Rutgers Sts. | 35.56 | |
| J McBarron " " " Allen near Walker Sts..... | 35.67 | |
| F Bryant Extra Granite steps Tompkins Market..... | 38. | |
| C Myers Keepr Potters field. 1 Mo 1 Jany..... | 69.75 | |
| U Wenman for lot Ground Amity St n'r. 6th Avenue for Engine house Ordered 13th Decr..... | 1400. | |
| T T Griffin for lot Ground 106 Reed St for Engine house Ordered 13 Decr..... | 950. | |
| J P, Roome Supr Repairs for Fire Department..... | 2500. | |
| J P, Roome " " " Markets ..... | 400. | |
| J P, Roome " " " Pumps ..... | 300. | |
| J P, Roome " " " Alms House ..... | 200. | |
| J P, Roome " " " Lamps ..... | 200. | |
| J P, Roome " " " Streets ..... | 90. | |
| A, Burtis Sup Alms House for Alms House..... | 9000. | |
| N Ludlum & H C Porter sunday services 13th Ward 39 days each to 1 Jany..... | 117. | |
| J. Oothout Treas Bank for savings interest on $300.000 5 pr ct 1 Qr 1 Jany 1831..... | 3750. | |
| Mechanics Bank Bond 1 Oct 1830 $8000 Int[er]est 2 months. 28 days. $117.33..... | 8117.33 | |
| Balance | | $337.54 |

And the Board adjourned until tomorrow 11. O'Clock.

[85] In Common Council. December 28th 1830.

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne, Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder.

| Aldermen | Assistants |
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| Peter J. Nevius | |
| William W. Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D. Strong | Peter S. Townsend |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M. Brown | Joseph W. Beadel |
| James N. Wells | John Rogers |
| Bernard J. Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| David Marsh | Fyler Dibblee |
| Gideon Lee | Peter Cooper |
| James Palmer | John Lovett |
| Thomas T. Woodruff. | Philip W. Engs. |

The Reading of the Minutes of the last Meeting was dispensed with

A Petition of Christian Tripler to be discharged from Imprisonment under an [86] Execution upon a Judgment recovered against him at the suit of the Corporation for selling meet in public without a License. was read and referred to the Market Committee with powers.

Alderman Seaman moved that the Board now proceed to the appointment of Mayor for the ensuing year. Alderman Stevens moved that the appointment be postponed The question being taken on Aldermans Stevens' motion and a Division having been called the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Alderman Mott Stevens *Alderman Mott, Stevens* I Brown Strong Marsh Palmer Mr Seymour Mandevill Dibblee. 9

[In the Negative] Mr Recorder Alderman Nevius Lamb Seaman B M. Brown Wells Meserole Lee Woodruff Mr Bryson Arcularius Townsend Scott. [87] Beadel Rogers Jeremiah Cooper Lovett Engs. 19.

So it passed in the Negative.

The question was then taken *of* [on] Alderman Seaman's Resolution to go into a Ballot for appointment of Mayor and was carried in the Affirmative

The Mayor appointed as Tellers Alderman Mott, and Alderman

Meserole. The Board then proceeded to ballot and on opening and counting the same the following was the result.

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| Walter Bowne | had | 19 Votes |
| Philip Hone | " | 1 Vote |
| William S Coe | " | 1 " |
| William Paulding | " | 2 Votes |
| William W Mott | | 1 Vote |
| Blanks | | 5 |

There being a Majority of Votes for Walter Bowne he was declared by the chair duly elected Mayor of the City of New York for the ensuing year

The Mayor elect then [88] rose and addressed the Board as follows Gentlemen of the Common Council.

Allow me to return to you. my warmest thanks. for this renewed expression of your confidence in me. by again selecting me to the honorable station which under your indulgence, and favor of my fellow Citizens, I have filled for the last two years.

I beg you Gentlemen to be assured that nothing shall be wanting on my part to render our deliberations agreeable to every member of the Board, and useful to our constituents

As the period is soon to arrive when the City Government is to be transfered, from the hands of the Common Council as now organized to two Chambers, it is our duty not only to use our endeavours to promote the best interests of our constituents but to employ with industry all our experience to enable those who may succeed us. to advance all the useful measures which may have been projected by us and to advise & carry into effect. everything which may conduce to the greatness of our [89] City. & the permanent happiness and welfare of our fellow Citizens

The proposition to revise and digest (which the board has agreed to) all the statute laws of the State, which relate to the City, will when judiciously executed be of essential service to our successors in office— Those laws, with the ordinances which may be passed by the corporate authorities will place in the hands of the Citizens, the legal obligations by which he is bound—To render the whole a perfect code as regards our City it is contemplated to annex the Old & new constitutions of the State and the old and new Charters of the City

The enlightened committee to whom this important trust is confided by this Board, will I am confident discharge their duty with zeal— industry & ability, and their services will doubtless be duly appreciated by their fellow Citizens

I avail my self of this opportunity to say that as far as my observations have gone all the Committees under whose care the important interests of this City now composing a population of 213.000 persons have been intrusted have performed their respective duties with diligence intelligence and a sole desire to promote the general [90] good.

I can only repeat what I have before had the honor to press upon the attention of the Common Council, as in my judgment of great and vital importance to our rapidly increasing Metropolis

The introduction of an abundant supply of pure and wholesome water, so as to provide our Citizens at large

To cle[a]nse and purify our Streets, and furnish in the most convenient way our shipping with it, the resources of our City will justify a large and liberal expenditure for this all desirable object.

There are below 14th Street

about 14.000 Buildings & Lots value from 1 to 4.000 Dolls
4.500 do " do " " 4 " 10.000 "
1.000 do " do " above 10.000 "

I beg leave also to recal the attention of the Common Council to the subject I presented to their view the last year the importance of adopting efficient means by making our wharves of stone so as to avert in future as much as possible any further encroachment upon the spacious and noble harbour with which Providence has blessed this City

Gentlemen of the Common Council [91] As in a few months our mutual labours must cease premit me to assure you and every member of this Board that it is my earnest wish that we may pass this little remnant of our official duty in a manner acceptable to us all.

Be assured that I shall feel a peculiar pleasure in contributing thereto, and terminating our public duties with unfeigned good will to wards each other

To all of you I tender my cordial & best wishes for your Individual prosperity and happ[i]ness.

The Board then adjourned to Monday 10th Jany 1831

[92] in Common Council January 5th 1831

Special Meeting

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants. |
|---|---|
| Samuel Stevens | Jonathan Seymour |
| Isaac Brown | William Mandevill |
| Anthony Lamb | David Bryson |
| Geo D. Strong | Henry Arcularius |
| William Seaman | William Scott. |
| Benjamin M. Brown | John Rogers |
| James N. Wells. | Thomas Jeremiah |
| Bernard J. Meserole | Fyler Dibblee |
| David Marsh | John Lovett |
| Gideon Lee. | Philip W. Engs |

His Honor the Mayor, stated that he had called this Special Meeting in consequence of having received the Melencholy intelligence of the decease of Alderman Mott p[r]esuming that the Board would be desirous of tes[t]ifying their respect to the Memory of one who by his intelligence and zeal in the discharge of his [93] duties as a Member of the Common Council had gained their esteem, and whose amiable manners in his intercourse with them had won their affections and regard, had as before stated summoned this Meeting.

M[r] Seymour Assistant of the 2[nd] Ward then presented the following Resolutions which were seconded by the Recorder the question being taken on the Resolutions they were adopted unanimously

Resolved that the Common Council have heard with deep regret of the death of William W. Mott Esquire, and sincerely sympathize with his family on this severe and afflicting bereavement.

Resolved that the Common Council as a tribute of respect, for the private virtues of the deceased, and as a testimonial of the high estimation in which his public services, as a Member of this Board is held by the Corporation, will attend his funeral with the customary badges of Mourning.

Resolved that the Members of the Common Council will wear crape upon their left arm for thirty days.

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor transmit to the familly of the deceased [94] a copy of these Resolutions, attested by the Clerk and under the Corporate Seal.

The Board then adjourned.

[95] In Common Council. Januuary 10th 1831.

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen. | Assistants. |
|---|---|
| Isaac Brown | William Mandeville |
| George D. Strong | Henry Arcularius |
| William Seaman | Peter S. Townsend |
| Benjamin M. Brown | William Scott |
| James N. Wells | Joseph W. Beadel |
| David Marsh | John Rogers |
| Gideon Lee | Thomas Jeremiah |
| James Palmer | Fyler Dibblee |
| Thos T Woodruff | Peter Cooper |
| | John Lovett |
| | Philip W. Engs. |

The minutes of the last regular & special Meetings were read and approved

An Invitation of the Public School Society of New York to attend the ceremony of opening Public School No 12 in 17th Street on the 17th Inst was read and accepted.

An Invitation from the Society [96] of the Lying in Asylum in Orange Street to attend the opening of the same on Monday the 17th Inst was read and accepted.

A Petition of sundry Merchants to have red colored Glass Lamps at the corners of each of the ends of the Piers in the City was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips and the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of John L, Lawrence and others complaining of the stoping of Public drains and making ice ponds at the first Avenue was read and referred to the Law Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Robert Bogardus Attorney for Mrs Mary Roberts for a settlement of her claim against the Corporation for damages sustained on her premises in erecting the Water Works was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

[97] An Annual Return of Silvanus Miller Public Administrator of the monies received for Commissions and Expenses and of the Total amount of his receipts and expenditures in each case of Intestate Estates which he has taken charge of from 1st January 1830 to 1st January 1831. was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Copy of a Resolution of the Managers of the Society for the reformation of Juvenile Delinquents of 31st December 1830 directing

the demand of $1.5\%_{00}$ collected by the Commissioners of Excise for Tavern Licenses was read and laid on the Table and afterwards called up and referred to the Mayor and Counsel of the Board.

A Petition of the Clerk of the Supreme Court praying that his Office may be repaired and painted was read and referred to the Committee on Repairs.

A Petition of Hosea Dugliss and others to have Ann Street widened from Nassau to William Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[98] A Petition of Adam Thompson for renewal of lease of lot of ground in Mulberry Street near Broome Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Southerly part of the 12th Ward to be a seperate Ward was read and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Alderman Lee Meserole Palmer Mr Cooper Jeremiah Lovett Engs.

A Petition of George H. Stout and others for remuneration of damages to them by reason of being surety in the case of the State of New Jersey against Joshua Meserau was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Walter Betts late Sheriff of Richmond County for expenses incurred in the case of New Jersey against [99] Joshua Mesereau was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Carlysle Weeks to be relieved from a payment of a fine for keeping his Slaughter House in improper order was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Asa Wasson Purchaser of Stall No 4 Tompkins Market praying a return of the Purchase money was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of P G. Stuyvesant and others to have the Fire limits extended in the upper part of the 11th Ward was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A Petition of C. Harriot for a transfer of Stall in Washington Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Hoffman Lessee of small Boat District No 1 for leave to assign said lease to Edmund Underhill was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[100] A Petition of Nicholas Moore for an extension of time for the payment for an Assessment was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

An Application of the Trustees of the New York Dispensary for

the usual annual Donation of $500 which was read Whereupon Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

Resolved that the Comptroller Report a Warrant in favor of Lindley *Muarry* [Murray] Treasurer of the New York Dispensary for Five Hundred Dollars at the next Meeting of the Common Council.

A Petition of Horatio N. Walker Foreman of Engine N° 8. to have the Engine repaired also the House was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

A Petition of Arthur S. Cowan to be releived from an erroneous Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[101] A Petition of Cornelius Bogart and others to have Ferry Street opened to Nassau Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John L. Clark to be appointed an Inspector of Fire Wood was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Remonstrance of the Minesters Elders &c of the Reformed Dutch Church against widening Ann Street on the Southerly and Northerly side was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen, the Resignations were accepted and appointments made Viz.

Fire Engine Co

N° 1.

Christopher Pulis, Cartman 26 Provoost Street To fill company

N° 5.

Frederick D, Koler Jeweller Elizabeth Street
V^c John Colby. Time Expired

[102] George S. Cock Accountant 7 Varick St
V^c W^m B. Barber left the City

N° 13.

William H. Nichols Tin Smith Water Street

N° 14.

Peter L. Tonnele Resigned

Hugh Cavanagh Cooper 48 Duane St.
V^c W^m E. Stoutenbergh Resigned

N° 16.

John Guest Cabinet Maker cor Hudson & Jay Sts. To fill company

N° 26

William Clarke Sail Maker Madison & Birmingham Sts } To fill
Samuel Thomas. Brass founder Henry St. } Company.

N° 48.

Alex. N. Gunn Drugist. 8th Avenue

Vc Frederick M. Irish left City

Hook & Ladder Co.

N° 1.

Samuel C. Titus. Merchant Ann Street

Vc Philip Dater. Elected Warden

William A. Pinckney Grocer Harrison st.

Vc John Finch. Resigned

[103] Warren K*e*[i]mball Merchant Nassau St. To fill Company

The Chief Engineer presented a charge against the members of Fire Engine Company N° 38 for neglect of duty which was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances Viz.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N° | 1 | Abijah Arden | owner | N°s | 3 & 5. | White Sts | Lots |
| " | 2 | Phebe Winthrop | " | | 29 | Wall " | Alley |
| " | 3 | Estate of N Dean decd | " | | | W side Mott " | Lots. |
| " | 4 | Edward Sherlock | Lessee | | 141. | Leonard " | Privey |
| " | 5 | Do Do | " | | 145 | " " | " |
| " | 6 | Wm C. Brenk. | owner | | 153 | " " | " |
| " | 7 | Wm P. Knapp | " | | 155 | " " | " |
| " | 8 | S Blank | " | | 160 | " " | " |
| " | 9 | George Lorilard | " | | 158 | " " | " |
| " | 10 | Do Do | " | | 142 | " " | " |
| " | 11 | Do Do | " | | 136 | " " | " |
| " | 12 | Robert Stoddart | " | | 106 | " " | " |
| " | 13 | Do Do | " | | 21 | Catharine Lane | " |
| " | 14 | [104] D Smith & W Valor | " | | 19 | " " | " |
| " | 15 | Daniel Pierson | " | | 6 | Center St. | " |
| " | 16 | James Cowan | " | | 8 | " " | " |
| " | 17 | Thomas Riley | " | | 18 | " " | " |
| " | 18 | " " | " | | 20 | " " | " |
| " | 19 | William Hudson | " | | 30 | " " | " |
| " | 20 | Michael Armstrong | " | | 28 | " " | " |
| " | 21 | James Burges | " | | 26 | " " | " |
| " | 22 | Patrick Doyle | " | | 139 | Anthony " | " |
| " | 23 | G Johnson | " | | 143 | " " | " |
| " | 24 | Daniel McCabe | " | | 131 | " " | " |
| " | 25 | Eliza *Went* [West] | " | | 121 | " " | " |

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| No 26 | George Lorilard | owner | 119 Anthony St. | | Privey |
| " 27 | " " | " | 117 " | " | " |
| " 29 | " " | " | 53 Elm | " | " |
| " 30 | " " | " | 51 " | " | " |
| " 31 | Wm Williams | " | 510 Pearl | " | " |
| " 32 | J M. Bradhurst | " | 147 Leonard | " | " |
| " 33 | J C. Robinson | " | 157 " | " | " |
| " 34 | Margaret Brown | " | 152 " | " | " |
| " 35 | Geo Lorilard | " | 134 " | " | " |
| " 36 | " " | " | 140 " | " | " |
| " 37 | George McColgan | " | 138 " | " | " |
| " 38 | Geo Lorilard | " | 132 " | " | " |
| " 39 | " " | " | 130 " | " | " |
| " 40 | " " | " | 128 " | " | " |
| " 41 | [105] Geo Lorilard | " | 126 " | " | " |
| " 42 | Aaron Baldwin | " | 118 " | " | " |
| " 43 | Ebenezer Clark | " | 100 " | " | " |
| " 44 | Patrick Doyle | " | 141 Anthony | " | " |
| " 45 | Thos Mehan | " | 166 " | " | " |
| " 46 | Capt Brown | " | 157 " | " | " |
| " 47 | Charlotte Inkey | " | 113 Franklin | " | " |
| " 48 | Jesse Wert | " | 111 " | " | " |
| " 49 | William S. Ross | " | 147 Anthony | " | " |
| " 50 | " " | " | 145 " | " | " |
| " 51 | Thos Riley | " | 16 Cedar | " | " |
| " 52. | Widow O'Niell. | " | 10 " | " | " |

I. Warren
City Inspector

Which were passed.

The City Inspector presented his Annual Report of Interments which was passed and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed.

Alderman Palmer presented a Resolution that application be made to the Legislature for the passage of a Law providing that if any Collector heretofore or hereafter chosen shall die resign remove or by sickness or other cause be prevented from completing [106] his duties it shall in such cases be the duty of the Mayor &c to appoint a Collector &c The Draft of a Law accompanied the Report it was approved and the Counsel directed to prepare a Memorial to be transmitted during the recess of the Board to the Legislature.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Return of Delinquents of sundry assessments which were read Viz[t] For a Bulkhead at James' Slip—For a Sewer and repaving Stone Street.

Whereupon warrants were directed to be issued to Thomas Cottrell the Collector thereof

Also for Repaving Elizabeth Street from Walker to Grand Street —For opening Asylum Street from Christopher Street to the 6th Avenue—And for a Well and Pump in Crosby Street near Houstoun Street.

Whereupon Warrants were directed to be issued to John Hanmer the Collector thereof.

The Street Commissioner [107] presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Vizt.

For pitching and paving Delancy Slip from Goerck Street to the Bulkhead and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For a Well and Pump in Forsyth Street near Stanton Street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For regulating part of 14th Street between the 6th & 7th Avenues and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For paving 13th Street from the 5th Avenue to Greenwich Lane and John Hanmer appointed collector.

The joint Committee on Finance and Public Offices to whom was referred the Petition of Cadwalader D Colden and others respecting the Rotunda presented the following Report.

The Joint Committee (on Finance and Public Offices) to whom was referred the Petition of Cadwalader D. Colden and others praying for a Lease of the Building called the Rotunda.

Respectfully Report

That this application comes from those gen- [108] tlemen who originally patronized the undertaking of Mr Van Derlynn to establish an Exhibition of Panoramick pictures in this City, and who still are desirous to aid him in another attempt to conduct such an Institution. The joint Committee have heard the statements of Mr Vanderlynn and of other gentlemen who are interested in his behalf It is proposed by them that the Rotunda should be appropriated to its original use under the direction of Trustees and that for this purpose a new Lease should be granted by the Corporation at a certain Rent and that such rent or a portion of it should be applied to extinguish the demands still remaining unsatisfied for work and materials for the Building. It is also urged that the construction of this building fits it peculiarly for such a purpose only, and that there is a prospect that under judicious management an exebition of panoramas in it might be made popular and profitable

It will be recollected that the ground upon which this building is erected was leased by the Corporation to [109] Mr Vanderlynn for

the term of nine years from the 1st day of May 1817. That a mere nominal rent was reserved and that by the terms of the lease, the buildings and improvements were at the expiration thereof to belong to the Lessors Mr Vanderlynn was allowed to remain in possession for about three years after his term had expired and until it was determined by the Board that the premises were required for public purposes and since the surrender of the premises to the corporation alterations have been made in the building at a considerable expence to adapt it for a Court room. It has been strongly represented to the committee that the Marine Court might be advantageously accommodated there, and there are other public uses to which in their opinion it might be suitably applied. Under all these circumstances the committee do not deem it expedient to grant the present application. It is well understood that Mr Vanderlynn when he had no rent to pay was not successful there. by the tenor of the Lease all his rights have expired and the corporation have according to their contract with him become the owners of the building and have new modelled it. Judging therefore from the past success of the exhibition which was conducted there and considering [110] the present altered condition of the premises the Committee do not think that the Common Council are called upon to allow a second experiment to be tried there, especially as there are objects of more importance in their view, to which that building could undoubtedly be applied, They submit therefore the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition.

W. Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
James N. Wells
Thos Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius

A Motion was mad[e] to lay the same on the table which was lost. Alderman Strong then proposed for adoption the following Resolution.

Resolved that the building known as the Rotunda be leased jointly to Mr Vanderlynn and the Mechanics who assisted in the erection of the building and whose claims are still unliquidated, provided that an amicable arrange- [111] ment can be effected and that the same is signified to the counsel of the Board within one month from the passage of this Resolution

The question was taken thereon and it passed in the Negative.

The question was then taken on adopting the Report and Resolution and was carried in the affirmative.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred back their former Report relative to India Wharf also the Remonstrance against taking the East side thereof for public purposes presented the following Report in favor of the adoption of their former Report.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Holmes Hawley & Co and others, owners and occupants of property in the vicinity of Roosevelt Slip praying that the East side of India Wharf may be purchased by the corporation

Respectfully Report

That in and by a certain grant made on the 7th day of July 1823 from the corporation to John Agnew and others of certain land under water in the East River it was covenanted and agreed that the Grantees should construct a [112] certain Pier to join on the Northerly side at and upon the Pier Known as number 27. and further that if any time thereafter the corporation should by resolution passed in Common Council declare that it is expedient or requisite that the ground covered with water, known by the name of Roosevelt Slip, and extending along the Easterly side of and to the end of the Pier, as already erected, or so to be erected extended and built, should be employed for a Public Basin or Slip or for other public uses, then and from thenceforth upon paying to the said Grantees, their heirs or assigns, one third part of the monies expended in erecting the said Pier and one third part of a fair valuation of that part of said pier already built and completed the corporation should be entitled to the whole of the Slippage of the Easterly side of the whole length of the said Pier, and also to one half of the wharfage to arise from the outermost end of said pier. And it was also provided that the said grantees should keep a true account of the [113] cost and expence of erecting the said pier and also of the part thereof already built or a fair valuation of such part, and should within a reasonable time after the completion of the said pier, deliver to the Comptroller a copy thereof verified by the oath of the said grantees which account should be conclusive against such grantees and their heirs and assigns as to the expense of said pier. The said pier was accordingly built and extended and is commonly called India Wharf and a copy of the account of the expenses thereof, duly verified, was filed in the comptrollers office on the 21st of May of 1828, by which it appears, that

such expences in the whole amounted to $10,795.00. From the above it appears that upon paying the sum of $3.598.33 (being one third part of the whole expenses of said wharf) the corporation are entitled to take the Easte side thereof, for public purposes, and the committee are of opinion that it is expedient that such power should be exercised, on the first day of May next.

They beg leave therefore to offer the following Resolution in conformity with the terms of the grant above [114] mentioned

Resolved That it is expedient that the ground covered with water known by the name of Roosevelt Slip, and extending along the Easterly side of and to the end of the Pier commonly called India Wharf should, from and after the first day of May in the year 1831 be employed for Public uses.

W. Seaman
Benjamin M. Brown
Peter J. Nevius
Wm W Mott

The Report presented this meeting was as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred back their former Report relative to India Wharf together with a Remonstrance from sundry persons against taking the East side thereof for public purposes.

Respectfully Report

That they have heard the arguments and objections of parti[e]s who are opposed to having the east side of India Wharf taken by the corporation for public purposes as recommended in the former report of this committee [115] and have carefully reconsidered their said former Report in connection with the said objections The Result is that the committee do not find sufficient grounds for altering the opinion expressed by them in that Report, and they recommend therefore that the Resolution offered with the said Report be adopted and passed.

W. Seaman
G. Lee
Benjamin M. Brown.

Which was approved and accordingly the former Report and Resolution were adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Smith for the amount due him on *on* his contract for regulating Lewis street from North to Elizabeth Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Smith praying that the amount due on his contract for regulating Lewis Street from North street to Eighth street. should be paid to him.

Respectfully Report.

That they have enquired and find that the Petitioner duly performed his contract, that the [116] assessments for the work has been confirmed and returns made, and that the amount due to the Petitioner is $640.80 They are of opinion that he is entitled to receive the same and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller report a warrant in favor of Peter Smith for $640.80. being the amount due him for regulating Lewis street from North to 8th Street.

W. Seaman
G Lee
Benjamin M. Brown

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Marsh Lessee of Castle Garden praying for a reduction of his rent &c presented a Report in favor of the same. which was read and after some discussion refered back to Finance Committee

The Finance Committee on the Petition of John L. Graham to have a mistake in the sale of a gore of land [117] to him in Ann Street corrected presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John L. Graham praying that a mistake which occurred as to the width of a gore of Land on Ann street sold to him by the Corporation should be rectified

Respectfully Report. That on the 8th of February last, Two reports were made by this committee, one in favor of selling to John L. Graham for $150. the gore or strip of land (part of what was Ann street before the said street was widened and improved) lying in front of his lot, and the other in favor of selling for $196, to John H. Graham when he should have obtained a complete title to the adjoining Lot, the gore or strip of land lying in front thereof. The said prices were the sums assessed upon the corporation for the gores or pieces stated in the report of the Commissioners and in their Map to be in front of the said lots respectively The deed to John L. Graham was made out and delivered but John H. Graham's title to the adjoining Lot not being as yet perfected, he has received [118] no deed for

the strip fronting such lot. The width of the strip sold to John L. Graham is stated in his Deed and the map annexed thereto to be Twenty three feet eight inches, and it appears that his Lot is twenty four feet wide making a deficiency of four inches which he now asks to have conveyed to him offering to pay the rateable value thereof

The Committee have caused this matter to be carefully examined and the result is that in their opinion Mr John L. Graham should have received a Deed for four inches more than he has actually got and that a Deed should be now given to him for the said four inches on paying the value thereof which by calculation appears to be Two Dollars and forty two cents. As no Deed has yet been executed to Mr John H. Graham this can be done, and it will be only necessary to reconsider the report and resolution which was adopted in respect to the gore to be sold to the said John H. Graham and to alter the amount to be paid by him from $196 to $193.58 which will be the correct price of the gore to be [119] deeded to him upon the condition in the said report mentioned. The Committee would further state that the propriety of thus correcting the error above mentioned, is admitted as they understand by Mr John H. Graham. They offer the following Resolutions.

Resolved that the Report and Resolution adopted by this Board on the 8th of Feby 1830 in favor of selling a certain gore on Ann Street to John H. Graham be corrected by substituting $193.58 in place of $196 as the price to be paid for such gore.

Resolved that the Counsel to the Board prepare a Deed to John L. Graham for the additional four inches of ground on Ann Street mentioned in this Report—he paying the sum of $2.42 therefor and the expenses of the deed—and that such Deed may be authenticated during the recess of the Board.

W. Seaman
G. Lee
Benjamin M. Brown.

Which was adopted.

The Finance Committee [120] to whom was referred the application of the Managers of the New York Female Assylum for Lying in women praying for pecuniary aid presented a Report in favor of the same which was Laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the Street Commissioner relative to the non compliance of the owners of Water lots in Hudson River between Hammond and Jane

Streets in filling in the same presented the following Report in favor of reporting Ordinances for the object of having the said Lots filled up

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed communication from the Street Commissioner informing the Board that the proprietors of all the water grants between Hammond and Jane Streets on the Hudson River were directed to fill up within their respective grants by the 1st day of December last, and [121] *and* that they have neglected to comply therewith

Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion the said Lots should be filled by the corporation and the expenses thereof charged as a lien on the prooperty and measures be taken to enforce the same according to law. They offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved That the Street Commissioner and City Inspector cause the proper ordinances for that purpose to be reported to this Board.

W. Seaman
G. Lee
Benjamin M, Brown

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for Regulating Washing[ton], Bank, Bethune, Troy and West Streets between Hammond and Jane streets and John Slidell, Ruben Munson and Jedidiah B. Leister were appointed Assessors.

The Finance Committee presented a Report in favor of selling a [122] *a* 3 Story Brick Store N° 75 Market Slip.

The Finance Committee beg leave to report to the Board that in their opinion it would be expedient to sell the 3 story Brick store N° 75 Market Slip owned by the corporation, without delay, and they submit the following Resolution therefore.

Resolved That the three Story Brick Store and Lot of ground belonging to the corporation and situate N° 75 Market Slip be sold at Public Auction under the direction of the Finance Committee at such time as the said Committee may think proper.

W. Seaman
G. Lee
Benjamin M. Brown

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the subject of the disposal *of the disposal* of the $1.5\%_{00}$ paid by holders of Tavern

and Excise Licenses presented the following [123] Report in favor of the money being retained by the Mayor

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Letter from Cadwalader D, Colden, President of the Society for the reform of Juvenile delinquents, also the Resolution offered by Alderman Strong; also the Report from the Counsel, relative to the decision of the Supreme Court upon the legality of the additional excise duty of $1.50 upon grocers in this City for the benefit of the House of Refuge.

Respectfully Report.

That by the Report from the counsel, it appears that the Supreme Court have decided that the said additional duty is legal; and if such decision were final, there could be no objection to paying the amount collected for such duty, and now in the hands of the Mayor to the proper officers of the House of Refuge. But inasmuch as the Common Council have received satisfactory information that the grocers of this City are taking measures to have this decision reviewed in the Court of Errors, the committee do not think it would be right, while the matter remains [124] yet in litigation, to authorize the Mayor to part with the said fund. This course, altho' it may cause inconvenience to the officers of the Institution for whose benefit this money has been received is in the opinion of the Committee, the only safe one for this Board to pursue. They offer therefore the following Resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to pay over the said money as requested by the annexed letter from Mr Colden.

W. Seaman
G. Lee
Benjamin M. Brown

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of owners of property in Lombardy Street to have the name changed to Munroe Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed [125] petition of the owners of the property on Lombardy Street, to have the name of that Street changed for that of Monroe Street.

Respectfully Report.

That in as much as that Street is about to be widened and materially improved, and for asmuch as there is another Street in this City bearing nearly the same name, and as the name proposed is intended to commemorate that of one of the late distinguished Presidents of

the United States—your committee are induced to recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved That the name of Lombardy Streets be, and is hereby changed to that of Monroe Street, and by that name to be hereafter known and distinguished and that it be marked and numbered accordingly.

Thomas T. Woodruff
John Lovett
Geo. D. Strong.
Jno. Rogers
William Scott.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[126] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the Counsel relative to the opening of 5th Street between Broadway and Mercer Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee Respectfully Report one the annexed communication from the Counsel to the Board, Stating that the Supreme Court at their November sittings had confirmed the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and assessment in the case of opening of Fifth Street between Broadway and Mercer Street and that it became necessary for the Common Council to determine the time when the said opening should be carried into effect—That in the opinion of your Committee there is no objections to have the said Street opened forthwith and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved, That the opening of Fifth Street between Broadway and Mercer Street be carried into effect from and after the first day of [127] February next.

Thomas T. Woodruff
John Lovett.
Geo. D. Strong
Jno. Rogers
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Commissioner recommended Thomas Cottrell as Collector on the assessment for opening 5th Street between Broadway and Mercer Street. Whereupon he was appointed.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the name of Harman Street changed to East Broadway presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition for the changing the name of Harman street to that of East Broadway —and the remonstrance against the same

Respectfully Report.

That they have duly considered the subject [128] and are of the opinion that inasmuch as it appears that a very large Majority of the Owners and Lessees of property on that Street are in favor of the changing of its name and the public are not materially interested or affected by such alteration your committee are induced to recommend the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, that the Street now known as Harman street be and is hereby changed to that of East Broadway and by that name to be hereafter known and distinguished and be marked and Numbered accordingly.

Thomas T. Woodruff
William Scott.
John Lovett.

A Motion was made to postpone the consideration which was lost —The question was then taken on adopting the Report and Resolution and was carried in the affirmative.

The Committee on Fire Department presented the following Report in favor of furnishing Fire [129] Engine Company N° 15. with a new Engine.

The Committee on the Fire Department.

Respectfully Report. That Fire Engine N° 15. at a recent fire was broken, and after an attempt on the part of the Superintendant of Repairs to have the same repaired, it is declared that the same cannot be done, without a waste of the Public money, they therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Superintendant of Repairs furnish Fire Engine Company. N° 15. (under the direction of the Committee on the Fire Department) with a New Engine of the usual size.

respectfully submitted

Benjamin M. Brown
James Palmer
Jno. Rogers
William Scott
P W. Engs.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred back their former Report made on 5th April 1830. and laid on the [130] Table relative to Fire Wardens. presented the following Report together with a Law.

The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred, the return of the Chief Engineer, for two Fire Wardens in the Eighth Ward, beg leave respectfully to Report.

That in their opinion the Fire Wardens should at all times be residents of the respective Wards which they represent, in as much as the duty to which they are assigned is local in its nature, and the Citizens experience no inconsiderable difficulty in ascertaining the residence of the wardens especially when they live at a great distance from the ward where they are appointed to do duty in They offer a draft of an ordinance for the consideration of the Common Council.

Respectfully Submitted

Benjamin M. Brown
Jno. Rogers.
William Scott.
P W, Engs.

[131] The Report made at this meeting was as follows.

The Committee on the Fire Department. to whom was referred back their Report. respecting the appointing of Fire Wardens.

Respectfully Report,

That they have had the subject committed to them under consideration and offer the following draft of an ordinance as the result of their deliberation.

A Law.

To amend a law passed 30th April 1827. entitled "A Law for preventing and extinguishing Fires."

Passed January 10th 1831.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened,

1rst That every Fireman hereafter recommended through the Chief Engineer to the Common Council, as a suitable person to be appointed a Fire Warden shall be at the time of such recommendation *be* an actual resident and inhabitant of the ward for which such return shall be made.

2nd Be it further ordained, that in case any Fire Warden appointed after the passage of this ordinance shall remove from the [132] Ward

to which he shall have been appointed, the said office shall be deemed vacant, and the Chief Engineer shall notify the company of Fire Wardens to proceed to fill the vacancy thus made.

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M, Brown
James Palmer
Jno. Rogers
William Scott.
P. W, Engs.

Whereupon the Report presented at this Meeting was approved. And the Law passed under the Title of A Law to amend a Law, passed 30th April 1827 entitled a Law for preventing and extinguishing Fires.

The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry persons to have 10th Avenue regulated between 52nd and 71st Streets presented a Report in favor of working the same which was read and laid on the Table.

The Market Committee [133] to whom was referred the Petition of John K. Floor for Stall N° 32 Catharine Market presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John K, Floor respecting Stall N° 32 Catharine Market.

Respectfully Report.

That Mr Floor, and George W. Smock the person having a License for said Stall appeared before your Committee and after an investigation of the subject, it would appear that Mr Smock is the son in law of Mr Floor and that he Floor purchased the said Butchers Stall and sat Smock up in business. on the same, that the said Smock is neglectful of his business and does not attend to it, and is very seldom if ever in the Market, that his Wife has had to seek shelter again in her fathers House, for these reasons and others that could be stated your Committee would recommend that a Butchers License be granted to William D. Floor, who has served a regular apprentisship to the Butchers business.

Resolved That a Butchers License be granted to William D, Floor, for Butchers Stall N° 32 Catharine Market.

[134] Benjamin M. Brown
Jona Seymour
W. Seaman
David Marsh.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Allen Smith to be releived from the payment of an erroneous Tax presented the following report in favor of the same

The Committee on Assessments. to whom was referred the Petition of Allen Smith to be releived from an erroneous Tax

Respectfully Report. That Mr Smith appeared before the committee and testified that he was taxed on personal property the sum of $4 2/100 and that he was worth no personal Estate; He further testified that he had resided in New York for several years, but that he had never been taxed before, and was not aware of the requisitions of the Law which required an attendance on the Assessors [135] when their books were open. The certificate of the Assessors is hereto annexed, As Mr Smith erred through total ignorance of the law and as he is a poor man the Committee beleive him a proper person to be releived and offer the following resolution

Resolved, That the Tax of Allen Smith in the 7th Ward on his personal property amounting to $4,2/100 be and the same is hereby remitted

Geo. D. Strong
Thos Jeremiah
Jons Seymour
Henry Arcularius
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Franklin Fire Insurance Company to be releived from Tax presented a Report against the same which was read Laid on the Table and ordered to be printed.

On Motion of Alderman Strong the Report of the Committee on Assessments [136] on the Petition of the Directors &c of the Tradesmens Bank for relief from the payment of Tax was called up reconsidered and referred back to the same Committee.

Mr Rogers presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Special Committee on Petition from Inhabitants of 12th Ward of which Alderman Lee, is Chairman

Resolved, That a special Committee be appointed to Report a plan, to lay out the Island of New York in Wards.

Alderman Lee, presented the following resolution which was read and referred to the Law Committee,

Whereas, it is at all times unpleasant in Legislation to take up and finish the business began by other persons. And Whereas the new

form of City Government to take place shortly will render unfinished business unusually embarrasing to our successors. [*136] Therefore Resolved, that a Committee of five be appointed whose duty it shall be to examine the Minutes and Report to the Board as early as may be, each item of unfinished business which may have originated previous to the first instant, and their opinion of the best disposition to be made of each, and that it be their further duty to make a similar Report towards the close of this Board in relation to all unfinished business which may have originated subsequent to the first instant.

Alderman Isaac Brown presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved, That Cherry Street between Franklin Square and Roosevelt Street be repaved.

Mr Engs, presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers, & Slips.

Resolved, That the Superintendant of Wharves Piers and Slips be required to see *the* that the filth is removed from the public and private piers of this City under such directions as may be given him by the Committee on that Department.

[138] The Comptroller presented the following Report of Cash Acc.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance as per Act 27th December | $337.54 |
| Recd for Tax of 1830 | 21,000. |
| " " Streets | 8,698.59 |
| " " Street Manure for Decr | 1,435.20 |
| " " Rents | 1,412.66 |
| " " Justices Courts | 783.48 |
| " " Commutation alien passengers | 691. |
| " " Arrears of Taxes | 316.13 |
| " " Superior Court fees | 272.75 |
| " " Wells & Pumps | 73.83 |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 60. |
| " " Lamps | 8.56 |
| | $35,089.74 |

89 Accounts Audited and directed to be paid.

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|---|---|---|
| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st Dist | | $1719.75 |
| Astin & Field | | 1214. |
| Stagg & Herring | | 1187.75 |
| W, Bowne Mayor Saly 1 Qr 1 Jany | | 750. |
| R Riker Recorder " 1 " 1 " | | 375. |
| J T, Irving Judge Com Pleas | 6 Mo 1 Jany | 124. |
| W. Bown Mayor Board Supervs | 1 Year 1 " | 26. |
| R Riker Recorder " " | 1 " 1 " | 14. |

* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

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| Ald Nevius | Courts | 6 | Mo | & | Supervrs | 1 | Year | 1 Jany.... | $38. |
| " Mott | " | " | " | | " | " | " | .... | 32. |
| " Stevens | " | " | " | | " | " | " | .... | 140. |
| " [139] I Brown. | " | " | " | | " | " | " | .... | 80. |
| " Lamb | " | " | " | | " | " | " | .... | 152. |
| " Strong | " | " | " | | " | " | " | .... | 78. |
| " Seaman | " | " | " | | " | " | " | .... | 102. |
| " B M Brown | " | " | " | | " | " | " | .... | 158. |
| " Wells | " | " | " | | " | " | " | .... | 144. |
| " Meserole | " | " | " | | " | " | " | .... | 22. |
| " Marsh | " | " | " | | " | " | " | .... | 70. |
| " Lee | " | " | " | | " | " | " | .... | 14. |
| " Palmer | " | " | " | | " | " | " | .... | 92. |
| " Woodruff | " | " | " | | " | " | " | .... | 152. |
| J Fleming Treas acct. pd Witnesses Ord by Court..... | | | | | | | | | 55. |
| D T. Valentine Marshall Ma[r]ine Court. 1 Mo 1 Jany.... | | | | | | | | | 33.75 |
| R Graves St. Comr | | | 1 Qr | | Saly. | 1 | Jany..... | | 500. |
| J Sidell, F. M. | | | 1 " | | " | 1 | " ..... | | 225. |
| Jacob Hays High Constble | | | 1 " | | " | 1 | " ..... | | 125. |
| W G, Babb. St. Inspector | | | | 1 | Mo. | 1 | " ..... | | 46.50 |
| E Kingsland " " | | | | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | | 46.50 |
| G Duryea Clk Fulton Market. | | | | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | | 103.67 |
| L Baum " Washington | | | | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | | 82.17 |
| J Gilbert " Clinton & Greenwich | | | | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | | 64. |
| R Smith " Franklin | | | | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | | 38.75 |
| J Martine " Tompkins | | | | 1 | " | 1 | " ..... | | 36. |
| A Leggett Sup Mud scow. 2 weeks 9th Jany..... | | | | | | | | | 77.75 |
| J Coffin ast. City Insp. removg nuisances 1 Mo 1 Jany..... | | | | | | | | | 41.56 |
| J Colvill Coroner 1 Qr 1 Jany..... | | | | | | | | | 677.07 |
| [140] J M. Bloodgood Supr Sts Expenses 1 Mo 1 Jany..... | | | | | | | | | 1352.77 |
| N. York Standard Subscription 1 Qr 13 Dec..... | | | | | | | | | 25. |
| T Farrington and J W. Somerindyke sunday services 6th Ward 21 days each 1 Jany. | | | | | | | | | 63. |
| Jas Dewey | " | " | 2 | " | 39 | " | | " | 58.50 |
| D Brink | " | " | 3 | " | 39 | " | | " | 58.50 |
| J M. Thomas | " | " | 6 | " | 39 | " | | " | 58.50 |
| Robt Philips | " | " | 7 | " | 39 | " | | " | 58.50 |
| John Peck | " | " | 9 | " | 39 | " | | " | 58.50 |
| J Nixon | " | " | 10 | " | 39 | " | | " | 58.50 |
| D W. Ostrander | " | " | 5 | " | 35 | " | | " | 52.50 |
| R Smith | " | " | 10 | " | 29 | " | | " | 43.50 |
| U Rider L Cummings & W B. Mott. | " | " | 12 | " | 8 | " | each | " | 36. |
| C Huntington. | " | " | 1 | " | 22 | " | | " | 33. |
| J S. Hardinbrook | " | " | 9 | " | 22 | " | | " | 33. |
| J G. Finn and F. Seely | " | " | 4 | " | 8 | " | each | " | 24. |
| J M. Oakly | " | " | 7 | " | 8 | " | | " | 12. |
| G M Seelye. | " | " | 7 | " | 7 | " | | " | 10.50 |

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| J O. Woodruff. Keepr Penitenty & 2 assts 1 Qr 1 Jany..... | $500. |
| J. Wood Physician Bellevue 1 " 1 " ..... | 375. |
| Geo. Pryer 37 Casks Oil..... | 1719.83 |
| Saml Judd. 15 " " ..... | 706.30 |
| G Snethen Lights Lamps & stop Gas 1 Mo 1 Jany.... | 1855.80 |
| G Snethen Super Lamps 1 Qr 1 Jany..... | 187.50 |
| R Provoost. painting &c Lamps & Gas Lights 1 Mo 1 "..... | 207.56 |
| R Pettigrew. pavg 7th St. frm 2d to 3d Avenue..... | 747.81 |
| Unknown owners award opg 17th St. from 6th Avenue to Fitzroy road. to be paid into court..... | 650. |
| [141] T Cummings Act pavg 8th Avenue from 13th to 21st Sts. ..... | 280. |
| G Lovett Atty. for Jas Rile Act pavg Lewis fm North to 4th Street ..... | 240. |
| P. Smith Act. regulg 6th St. fm Avenue D to Lewis St..... | 200. |
| R Pettigrew pavg Hall St. fm 6th to 7th St..... | 140.23 |
| S, Fargay Acct pavg William St. fm Duane to Frankfort Street ..... | 130. |
| J Pinkerton repavg Vesey fm Washington to West St..... | 112.83 |
| P. Smith acct repavg Mott. fm Bayard to Walker St.... | 100. |
| R Pettigrew " pavg 6th St fm 2nd to 3d Avenues..... | 100. |
| J Devlin bal pavg Burton betw Bleecker & Bedford Sts.... | 52.84 |
| R Pettigrew paving sidewalks Bleecker Street. between Christopher & Amos Streets..... | 10.32 |
| J Harris Inspectg paving Streets to 1 Jany..... | 152.44 |
| J F, Bridges. Surveys &c 1 Qr 1 Jany..... | 241.05 |
| E Doughty " " " ..... | 175.75 |
| Danl Ewen " " " ..... | 114.50 |
| Isaac F Ludlum " " " ..... | 66.19 |
| Geo B Smith " " " ..... | 52.46 |
| E W. Bridges " " " ..... | 18. |
| Woodruff & Barnes Act public Reservoir for building..... | 1000. |
| Jas Blackwell Interest on Bond $17,000 5 per cent. 1 Qr 15 Jany ..... | 212.50 |
| Mechanics Bank Intst on 12 Bonds to 1 Jany 1831..... | 1913.63 |
| R Graves St Comr Acct Expenses Lands & places..... | 300. |
| R Graves act Macadamising 3 Avenue from 24th St. to Yorkville ..... | 2000. |
| R Graves St Comr acct. fitting up Old Alms house..... | 2000. |
| [142] W. Hockman repairs pier Jay Street Corporation half | 2067.67 |
| A Burtis Super. Alms House & Clk 1 Qr 1 Jany..... | 525. |
| A Burtis " " " for Alms House..... | 4000. |
| Balance..... | $1061.04 |

The Board then adjourned to Monday the 24th January 1831. at 5 OClock P. M.

[143] In Common Council, January 24th, 1831.

Present. The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder.

| Aldermen | Assistants. |
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| Peter J. Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb. | Henry Arcularius |
| George D. Strong | Peter S. Townsend |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M. Brown | Joseph W. Beadel |
| James N. Wells | John Rogers |
| Bernard J. Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| Gideon Lee | Fyler Dibblee |
| Thomas T. Woodruff | John Lovett. |
| | Philip W. Engs. |

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Abraham G. Mayers for compensation for attending as a Witness in the Court of Sessions at the request [144] of the District Attorney since July last was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of William Vail for permission to transfer Lease of Lot N° 74 Grand Street to John Kent. Of Sarah Anderson, Henry James Anderson and Martha Bailey for permission to transfer Lease of Lot at the Westerly corner of Chamber & Chatham Streets to Daniel Jackson. And of Jane Dartnell for permission to transfer Lease of Lot N° 95 Chatham Street, were read and respectively referred to the Finance Committee.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Letter he had received from M[r] Cargill a Representative from this City in the Legislature stating that a Bill had been brought in to allow a compensation of 6 shillings per diem to each Juror attending in certain Courts of the City and requesting the opinion of the Common Council thereon. The same was re[a]d and referred to the Com- [145] mittee on Applications to the Legislature.

The Keeper of the City Prison & Bridewell presented his Monthly Return of persons confined in, and under his care which was read and referred to the Police Committee.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Presentment of the Grand Jury of the General Sessions for January Term. They state that they have carefully investigated the late alledged outrages in the Streets, which they found much exaggerated. They state they have

visited the Alms House. the Debtors Prison and Bridewell. They represent the condition of the lunatic Paupers as requiring amendment. They represent the state of the Bridewell and Penitentiary at Bellevue to be such as to require the prompt and special intervention of the competent authorities. The same was referred to the Committies on Public Offices and Repairs.

A Petition of Samuel Boyd and others owners of Property in Pine Street to have the same widened from William to Nassau Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[146] A Petition of Duncan P. Campbell in behalf of Elizabeth B. Campbell for an award from Commissioners of Assessments of $200. on Lot N° 183 Bayards Lands for opening the same was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Report of the Board of Trustees of the Seamans Bank of Savings made agreeably to the requisition of their Charter was read and ordered to be printed in the Papers employed by the Corporation and filed.

A Petition of Andrew Smith and others owners of property in 10th 11th & 12th Street, to pave the same from 5th to 6th Avenues was read an[d] referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Edward Lyde and John McComb surviving Trustees &c of Henry Springler deceased for remission of part of Interest on Assessment for opening 14th Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[147] A Petition of Barney Harigan for Stall N° 19 Catharine Market. and of William Smith for Stall N° 20 Washington Market. were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Benjamin Taylor to be releived from the payment of a fine for Keeping a Dog was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Communication from the Committee for the relief of the poor of the 11th Ward for some pecuniary [aid] was read and laid on the table.

A Remonstrance of James Horn and others against the Collection of the Assessments for a Well and Pump at the corner of Chrystie and Bayard Streets. was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John Rogers for the purchase of a gore of land on the Northwest corner of 6th avenue and Eleventh Streets was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[148] A Petition of Alexander Knox to have West Street continued to 10th Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Abraham P. Maybie and William Kelly in behalf of themselves and the Mechanics who built the Rotunda praying that their former petition for relief may be acted on was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of William C. Redfield for permission to lay down an experimental line of Railway in Canal Street. west of Broadway was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences and Street Committee

A Petition of Christopher Keyes for further payment on his contract for filling in 7th Street from 1st Avenue to Avenue A was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[149] A Petition of M Titus & Sons and others to have Front Street opened and regulated from Peck Slip to Corlaers Hook was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Rinier Wortendyke and others to have Straw Stold subject to the same regulations which governs the sale of Hay was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Peter and John S. Crary for extension of time to fill up a sunken Lot in Perry Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and City Inspector.

A Petition of Brown Brothers & Co and others to have Pine Street widened at the South East corner of William Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Nathaniel C. Griffiths to be compensated for Building Bulkhead at the foot of Hammond Streets, North River was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves piers and Slips.

[150] A Petition of Eli White and others to have Fletcher Street widened from Pearl to Water Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Elisha Bloomer for the Lease of Lot of Land corner of Nassau & Wall Streets. was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of E Baker Junr for a reduction of his Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Remonstrance of Wm Whitlock and others, also of the Tamany Society against the proposed opening of Ferry Street from Gold to Nassau Streets were read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William C. Rhinelander to purchase that part of South Hampton Road situated, between 14th & 15th Streets was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[151] A Remonstrance of Andrew M^cGoun and others Electors of the 12^th Ward against dividing the same was read and referred to the Special Committee appointed on that subject.

The Mayor appointed on the following Committees, in place of Alderman Mott, deceased the following Members Viz. On Committee on Applications to the Legislature Alderman Wells, on Ferry Committee Alderman Strong, on the Finance Committee Alderman Lamb, on Committee on Lands and Places M^r Arcularius, on Watch Committee M^r Seymour, on Gas Committee M^r Townsend, on Special Committee on Blackwells Island M^r Seymour.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen the resignations were accepted and appointments made Viz.

Fire Warden Co

11^th Ward.

Henry Hedden—Tailor cor. North & Clinton
V^c William Lee. Time expired

9^th Ward.

William Adams—Silversmith Greenwich & Leroy Sts
V^c Elanson H. Lacy. Time expired

[152] Lantern Bearer.

William Shearwood—Painter cor. Spring & Crosby Sts
V^c Frederick Bogardus

The Chief Engineer presented a Report stating that within one Month the Engine House situated in Tryon Row had been Fired three times for the purpose of destroying the same. Whereupon Alderman B M. Brown presented the following preamble and Resolution.

Whereas, from the Report of the Chief Engineer it appears that some evil minded person or persons have set on fire three times with in one Month past Fire Engine House N° 21. Therefore Resolved that His Honor the Mayor be requested to offer a Reward of One hundred Dollars for the discovery and conviction of the perpretrators of the same Which was agreed to.

The Chief Engineer presented a Report of the State of the Fire Department. the number of Fires &^c for the year 1830. was read and referred to Committee on [153] Fire Department to print such parts as they may think proper.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for correcting nuisances Viz.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No | 1. | James McManus | owner | 136 | Center | Street. | Privy |
| " | 2 | Abraham Tanner | " | 138 | " | " | " |
| " | 3 | Do | " | 157 | Grand | " | " |
| " | 4 | Do | " | 149 | " | " | " |
| " | 5 | Jacob Doremus | " | 126 | Center | " | " |
| " | 6 | Silas Tobias | " | 122 | " | " | " |
| " | 7 | Elanor Waters | " | 181 | " | " | " |
| " | 8 | Geo Lorilard | " | 70 | " | " | " |
| " | 10 | E Marshall | " | 72 | Orange | " | " |
| " | 11 | Geo Lorilard | " | 72 | Center | " | " |
| " | 12 | Geo Gardiner | Executor | 19 | Orange | " | " |
| " | 13 | John Parks | Owner | 15 | " | " | " |
| " | 14 | Tabathy Wade | " | 11 | " | " | " |
| " | 15 | Charles Miller | " | 7 | " | " | " |
| " | 16 | Joseph Mount | Lessee | 124 | Chatham | " | " |
| " | 17 | T. Thompson | " | 118 | " | " | " |
| " | 18 | Garrit Storm | owner | 1 | Orange | " | " |
| " | 19 | Chas McGuire | Lessee | 31 | " | " | " |
| " | 20 | P & M *Gallooly* [Gilhooly] | owners | 59 | " | " | " |
| " | 21 | [154] James McBride | " | 63 | " | " | " |
| " | 22 | Gideon Peck | " | 92 | " | " | " |
| " | 23 | J Hammond | " | 74 | " | " | " |
| " | 24 | Do | " | 74½ | " | " | " |
| " | 25 | Michael Mitschar | " | 72 | " | " | " |
| " | 26 | B De Forist. | " | 68 | " | " | " |
| " | 27 | John O'Neil | " | 18 | " | " | " |
| " | 28 | Dennis Mehin | Lessee | 38 | " | " | " |
| " | 29 | Jame[s] Mehin | " | 40 | " | " | " |
| " | 30 | Geo Demby | Occupt | 42 | " | " | " |
| " | 31 | Thomas Stephens | Lessee | 50 | " | " | " |
| " | 32 | Peter McGowan & wife | owner | 58 | " | " | " |
| " | 33 | John Waters | " | 60 | " | " | " |
| " | 34 | Francis O'Neil | " | 66 | " | " | " |
| " | 35 | Geo Lorillard | " | 58 | Center | " | " |
| " | 36 | Do | " | 112 | Franklin | " | " |
| " | 37 | Barny Smith | " | 109 | " | " | " |
| " | 38 | Robert Thompson | " | 130 | Orange | " | " |
| " | 39 | Widow McM[F]arlan | " | 116 | " | " | " |
| " | 40 | Mr Fose | " | 110 | " | " | " |
| " | 41 | Geo *Preemer* [Reemer] | " | 98 | " | " | " |
| " | 42 | James *Keeler* [Kelly] | " | 94 | " | " | " |

I. Warren
City Inspector.

Which were passed.

[155] The Counsel presented the following Report of 2 Leases for Lots sold for Assessments to Edward B. Tylee and Peter De Witt.

The Counsel presents herewith to the Board, Two Leases for Lots sold for Assessments, which have not been redeemed. The Leases are made out to Edward B. Tylee and Peter De Witt—the purchasers to whom certificates were given. The following Resolution is respectfully submitted

Resolved, That the Leases above mentioned be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board and delivered to the persons entitled thereto.

R. Emmet.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Comptroller presented the Annual Report of the accounts for the Year ending 31st December 1830, &c which was referred to the Finance Committee with power to print the same.

The Comptroller presented the following Report on the accounts of Abraham B. Martling Keeper of the City Hall for the [156] purchas of fuel

The Comptroller respectfully reports, that he has examined the Accounts rendered by Abraham B. Martling Keeper of the City Hall, for Fuel purchased for the Watch House and City Hall for the past year.

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| Balance of former acct | $87.08 |
| Recd by him in 1830 | 1050. |
| | 1137.08 |
| Paid for Fire Wood and Coal as per Receipts | 1115.38½ |
| Balance due Corporation 1st Jany. 1831 & carried to new acct | $21.69½ |

G N. Bleecker
Comptroller

Which was approved and ordered to be filed.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment for repaving Batavia Street from James to Roosevelt Street. whereupon a warrant was ordered to be issued to John Hanmer the Collector thereof.

[157] The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto. Viz.

For a Well and Pump in 15th Street near Bloomingdale Road and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For a Well and Pump in Allen street near Walker Street and John Hanmer appointed Collector

For a Well and Pump in Chrystie Street near Bayard Street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For a Well and Pump in Willet Street near Broome Street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For repaving James Slip from Cherry Street to Water Street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector

The Finance Committee to whom was referred back their former Report on Petition of Henry Marsh Lessee of Castle Garden made on the 10th January 1831 presented another [158] Report confirming the former Report.

The Report of 10th January was as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of H Marsh Lessee of Castle Garden for a Reduction of his rent

Respectfully Report.

That Mr Marsh hired the said Castle Garden for seven Years from the 1st of May 1829. at the annual rent of $800 for the first and $1800 for the remaining years of said term—in addition to which he was to do certain repairs to the premises. Mr Marsh alleges that the property proved to be more out of repair than he anticipated and that the receipts for admission to the garden as a place of recreation have been much less than he expected and that he is consequently unable to pay the amount of rent reserved by the Lease. The Committee have investigated the circumstance of the case and they are of opinion that the profits of the Establishment have not been equal to Mr Marshe's expectations when he undertook it and the rent is heavier than he can afford. On the other hand they find that Mr Marsh [159] has not complied with his agreement in respect to repairs; and while they admit the propriety of making a reasonable deduction of his rent they consider that he should be held to a reasonable performance of his engagements to repair the premises. They recommend therefore that the rent of Castle Garden be reduced to $1000, per annum from the first day of May last, on condition that he pays up all arrerages of rent due (at the said reduced rate) till the first of February next, and that he causes all such repairs to be done to the said premises at his own expense as may be required by this Committee, or any person appointed by them for that purpose. They offer the following resolution therefore.

Resolved, That on his complying with the conditions mentioned in

the above report but not otherwise, Mr Marsh's rent for Castle Garden be reduced from $1800. to $1000. per annum from the first day of May last.

W. Seaman
G. Lee
Benjamin M. Brown

The Report made this day was as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred back their Report made on the [160] 10th January instant, on the Petition of Henry Marsh Lessee of Castle Garden

Respectfully Report,

That having reconsidered their said report, they find no reason to alter the opinions therein expressed. They offer therefore the following Resolution

Resolved, that the said Report and the Resolution therewith offered be adopted and passed

W. Seaman
Benjamin M. Brown
Peter J. Nevius
G. Lee.

The Question being taken thereon and a Division having been called by Mr Mandeville the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Alderman Nevius Lamb Strong Seaman B M. Brown Wells Meserole [161] Lee Mr Seymour Bryson Arcularius Townsend Scott Beadel Rogers Jeremiah Lovett Engs 19.

In the Negative Alderman Stevens Woodruff Mr Mandeville Dibblee 4.

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Walter Betts late Sheriff of Richmond County for payment of expenses incurred by him in the case of Joshua Mersereau presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Walter Betts former sheriff of Richmond County, praying for payment of certain charges incurred by him in consequence of the arrest of Joshua Mersereau his deputy in New Jersey.

Respectfully Report;

That the whole amount of the Petitioners [162] charge is seventeen Dollars, a great proportion of which is for money actually disbursed by

him in endeavouring to redeem his Deputy from captivity in New Jersey. The Committee are of opinion that in as much as the claim arises out of proceedings commenced in the name and by order of the corporation, it ought to be settled, They believe the charge to be fair in point of Amount. The following Resolution is therefore offered.

Resolved That the comptroller report a warrant in favor of Walter Betts for seventeen Dollars in full of his said claim.

W. Seaman
Benjamin M, Brown
Peter J. Nevius.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the application of John J. Astor and John Rogers for purchase of land, formerly part of [163] the Old Southampton Road on the 8th Avenue and on 14th Street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the applications of John J. Astor and John Rogers for the purchase of land being formerly part of the Old Southampton Road, and which became vested in the Corporation, by the closing up of the same road,

Respectfully Report;

That the land in question fronts partly on the 8th Avenue, and partly on 14th Street, and is adjoining to the land of the above named applicants who are desirous of purchasing the same. That with a view to an equitable division thereof they caused a diagram of the land to be made and the parties applying have both agreed to purchase the parts which are designated thereon as being immediately in front of their land; according to the lines of division which have been drawn, on the diagram above mentioned the effect of which will be to square the property of the parties respectively at right angles to the Avenue and Street and they have further agreed to pay the amounts at which the prices of land to be sold have been [164] estimated by the committee viz. by John Rogers $1444.57/100. and by J J, Astor $600, making together the sum of $2044.57 being the exact amount which the land in question has cost the corporation, and it has been the practice of the Board to sell to the owners of the adjoining land pieces of which they have became possessed, in the manner they have acquired these, your Committee would suggest the propriety of doing so in this case and offer the following resolution.

Resolved. That the pieces of land spoken of and described in the above report be sold and conveyed to the parties respectively, therein

mentioned according to the map or diagram made for that purpose, and for the sums mentioned therein viz by John Rogers $1444.$^{57}/_{100}$ and by John J Astor $600. they paying for drawing the conveyances, and that the same be executed in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

[165] W. Seaman
Benjamin M. Brown
Peter J. Nevius
G. Lee.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of *of* John Kinney to be releived from the payment of certain costs against him in the 5th and 8th Ward court presented the following report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Kinney praying to be discharged from the payment of certain costs incurred in suits in the court of one of the Assistant Justices

Respectfully Report.

That the Petitioner it appears commenced several suits some time ago in the 5th and 8th Ward Court to recover sums of money due to him in all of which he obtained Judgements. That he paid the costs in those suits to two persons named Curren an[d] Barton who were officers attached to the said Court and employed in the said suits. That the said [166] officers did not however pay the said costs to the then clerk of the Court, and the present Clerk Mr See finding those costs charged on the Books and appearing unpaid has required Mr Kinney, to settle them. Mr Kinny has sworn to the truth of his petition and has attended and explained his case to the Committee and they are satisfied that the facts alleged by him are true. While they fully approve of the vigilance of the present clerk in collecting all such outstanding costs, they consider that it would be exceedingly unjust to require Mr Kinny to pay twice and as the costs in those courts are collected for the Treasury of the City they concieve there can be no difficulty in relieving him.

They offer the following Resolution therefore. Resolved that John Kinny be releived from the payment of the costs above mentioned.

W. Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
Peter J. Nevius.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[167] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of John P. Roome for an increase of Salary as crier of the court of Oyer & Terminer and Sessions presented the following report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John P. Roome praying for an increase of his compensation as Crier of the Criminal Courts.

Respectfully Report.

That Mr Roome at present receives but Two hundred Dollars per annum for all his services as such crier as well as for other duties which he performs in court. That he is universally admitted to be a most faithful and efficient officer, who has discharged his duties for several years to the entire satisfaction of all parties connected with the said Courts and the committee are of opinion that his compensation is inadequate to the services rendered by him and that it should be raised to Three hundred Dollars per annum

They offer the following Resolution therefore

Resolved, That the salary of John P, Roome as such crier be Three hundred Dollars per annum from the commencement of the present year.

[168] W. Seaman
Benjamin M. Brown
Peter J Nevius.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of owners of property in Chapel Street between Barclay and Murray Streets to have sidewalks widened presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed petition of the owners of the Buildings situate on the westerly side of Chapel Street between Barclay and Murray Streets for permission to widen the side-walks on that side of the Street to two feet beyond the distance allowed by law and also to extend their Stoops or steps in proportion Viz. by occupying two feet more of the side-walk than usually allowed.

Respectfully Report,

That in their opinion it would be improper to permit the widening of the sidewalks as proposed, but that there [169] would be no impropriety or inconvenience in permitting the stoops to be extended one foot beyond the usual distance and as that would accommodate the petition-

ers with all the advantages asked for by them, your Committee are induced to recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the proprietors of the buildings in Chapel Street between Barclay and Murray Streets be permitted to extend their stoops or steps to the distance of seven feet in front of their respective buildings.

Thomas T. Woodruff
Jno. Roger
William Scott
Geo. D. Strong
John Lovett.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred back their report on the subject of widening and improving Ann Street between Nassau & William Streets presented the following Report against the same.

The Street Committee to whom [170] was referred back their report of the 15th November last on the subject of widening and improving Ann Street between Nassau Street and William Street. for their reconsideration—have duly and carefully reviewed the same with the reasons for and against the improvement by the parties to be principally affected thereby—and although your Committee are decidedly of the opinion that the contemplated improvement would if carried into effect, be attended with mutual benefit to the owners of the property in that vicinity as well as to the public generally yet for asmuch as there appears to be a majority of the owners of the property remonstrating against the same your Committee are reluctantly induced to submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners to have Ann Street widened between Nassau Street and William Street.

Thomas T. Woodruff
Jno. Rogers.
[171] William Scott
Geo. D. Strong
John Lovett.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Common Schools presented a Report relative to an additional Tax for the support of Common Schools which together with the Law authorising such Tax were laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members, and made the order of the day at the next Meeting of the Board.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature presented a Report together with sundry Amendments to the Law relative to the City of New York, which was read Laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members, and made the order of the day for the next Meeting of the Board.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Arthur S Cowan to be releived from the payment of [172] an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the petition of Arthur S, Cowan to be relieved from an erroneous Tax

Respectfully Report;

That Mr Cowan appeared before the Committee and testified that he was Taxed in the 9th Ward on $5000. for personal property and that he was worth no personal estate.

He further testified that he had been in this Country but a few Months and that he was unacquainted with the law regulating assessments and consequently he had not applied to the assessors while their Books were open for inspection.

The Annexed certificate of the Assessors, corroborates his statement and the Committee beleiving him to be entitled to relief offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the personal Tax of Arthur S. Cowan in the 9th Ward on $5000, be and the [173] same is hereby remitteed.

Geo. D. Strong
Thos Jeremiah
W. Scott
Jons Seymour
Henry Arcularius.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred back their former Report on the petition of the Tradesmens Bank for reduction of Tax presented the following Report approving of their former report.

for former Report see page 70 this Volume

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred back their former Report in relation to the application of the Tradesmens Bank for reduction of Tax.

Respectfully Report;

That Mr Leveridge Counsel for the Tradesmens Bank appeared before the Committee and entered into a *dedailed* [detailed] argument in

favor of their application; but the committee after much deliberation are of the opinion that the previous report was based on correct principles and they see no good reason to [174] alter the same. They offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the accompanying Report and Resolution (page 70 this volume) be and the same is hereby adopted

Geo D. Strong
Thoˢ Jeremiah
William Scott
Jonᵃ Seymour
Henry Arcularius

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Memorial of the Justices of the Marine Court to have the Rotunda assigned to them for the use of their Court presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Public offices to whom was referred the Memorial of the Justices of the Marine Court, praying that the building formerly known as the Rotunda. (now Sessions Hall) be [175] assigned for the accommodation of said Court.

Respectfully Report;

That they have maturely considered the said Memorial, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted, but as the Act constituting said Court requires that it should be held in the City Hall, it will be requisite that an application should be made to the Legislature to authorize a change of its location. The Committee therefore propose for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the building formerly known as the Rotunda, (now Session's Hall) be and the same is hereby appropriated and assigned to the use of the Marine Court and that it be referred to the Committee on applications to the Legislature to prepare an application for an act authorizing the removal of said Court to said Building.

Anthony Lamb
David Bryson
Henry Arcularius
James N. Wells
Thoˢ Jeremiah.

The Question being taken on the [176] adoption of the Report, Alderman Stevens called for the Ayes and Nays when the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Alderman Nevius Lamb B M. Brown Lee Woodruff Mr Bryson Arcularius Townsend Scott Beadel Rogers Jeremiah Lovett Engs. 15.

In the Negative. Alderman Stevens Strong Meserole Mr Seymour Mandeville Dibblee 6.

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The Law Committee to whom was referred the petition of John L. Lawrence and others to have certain floodgates removed from the ponds near Rose Hill presented the [177] following Report.

The Law Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John L. Lawrence and others, asking the Corporation to require that certain floodgates should be removed from the ponds near Rose Hill.

Report. That so far as relates to the artificial Pond which passes off through Cedar Creek, it does not in the opinion of your Committee at present endanger the lives of the neighbourhood, in fact very few persons are near it, and in as much as it has been filled with water for the purpose of making Ice. Your Committee are disposed to let the tenants enjoy this advantage for the present season directing however that the water be let off before the middle of February, and that hereafter no such artificial dam be permitted to be erected.

In relation to the two other ponds, one between 1st & 2nd avenues and 10th & 11th Streets adjoining the burying ground of St Mark's Church, and the other at the junction of 13th St and the 1st Avenue, They ought to be filled up with out unecessary delay so far as to prevent the water from laying stagnant

[178] Resolved, That the City Inspector present the necessary ordinances for the filling in of the Ponds agreeably to this report.

Samuel Stevens
Fyler Dibblee
W. Seaman.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Law Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Hoffman Lessee of Small Boat District to have a Law passed to attach Small boats which have not payed the Wharfage presented the following Report against the same.

The Law Committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Hoffman, the Lessee of the Small Boat District.

Report, *The* [That] he *apple's* [applies] for a law to attach small Boats who may have neglected to pay their Wharfage—The Committee offer the following resolution

Resolved That it is inex- [179] *ex*pedient to pass, or to apply for any further Law on this subject.

Samuel Stevens
G. Lee
Fyler Dibblee
W. Seaman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Police Committee to whom was referred Alderman Strong's Resolution presented the following Report on the subject of appointing Sunday Officers.

The Police Committee to whom was referred a Resolution of Alderman Strong in relation to Sunday Officers.

Report; That it appears necessary to employ Sunday Officers, although all the wards do not require an equal number They recommend the following Resolution.

Resolved, That for the present time and until the first of May, the Mayor assign to the 1st, 2nd, 3d & 13th Wards respectively one sunday officer, To the 4th, 5th, 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th and 14th Wards, two sunday officers each—and to the 6th & 7th Wards each three Sunday Officers.

Samuel Stevens.
[180] Jona. Seymour
W. Seaman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the petition of Capt Asten of the 2nd District City watch for payment of certain costs in suite against him as Captain of the said District presented the following Report.

The Watch Committee on the annexed petition from Captn Nathaniel L. Asten of the 2nd Dist. Watch.

Respectfully Report,

That your Committee in the inquiry have ascertained that a suit was brought against Captn Asten in the court of Common Pleas, by two persons named Alva Morehouse and James Heath for false imprisonment it appears that they were taken from a House on the complaint of the Wife of Heath and lodged in the Watch House by Captain Asten, and the following morning were committed to Bridewell by one

[181] of the Police Magistrates, after their liberation they instituted a suit for false imprisonment in which they were nonsuited, but unable to pay the costs in said suit amounting to $27.50 the consequence was that the defendant became liable for the same, under these circumstances your committee are of opinion that as the Captain did not transgress the bounds of his duty he ought not to sustain any loss, and therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved That a Warrant for $27.30 be drawn in favor of Nathaniel L. Asten

John Lovett
P W. Engs
William Scott
David Bryson.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

Alderman Stevens presented the following Resolution relative to the Manhattan Company, and the introduction of pure and wholsome Water into the City and for enabling the Corporation to Loan $2,000,000. for that purpose

Resolved, That the Counsel of the Board prepare a Memorial to the Legislature, [182] setting forth the wants of the City in relation to a full and ample supply of Water as necessary for the safety of the City against fire and to be of a pure and wholesome quality, as necessary for the preservation of the health and lives of our fellow Citizens And further setting forth that the Manhattan Company although chartered in the Year 1799, for the express and apparently sole purpose of furnishing the City with these inestimable blessing, have not in the opinion of the Common Council, complied with the conditions of their Charter and stating that under such circumstances, it has become necessary for the Corporation to do that which the Manhattan Companies have failed to perform. And that the Common Council finding that there exists powers in the Acts relating to this company authorizing them to take, by process of law, all streams of Water and to divert water courses from their natural chanels and also in like manner to possess [183] themselves of other property; which powers the Manhattan Company have wholly failed to use therefore asking a Repeal of the said powers now vested in said Company, and the vesting exclusively all such powers for the purpose aforesaid, in the Corporation of the City of New York and further enabling the Corporation to raise by Loan a sum not exceeding 2,000.000. Dollars for introducing an ample supply of pure and wholesome water.

Which was read laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members and made the order of the day for the next Meeting.

On Motion of Alderman Lee. the Committee on Applications to the Legislature were discharged from the further consideration of the application in relation to Stuyvesant Street.

Alderman Lee presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the application of this Board to the Legislature last year in relation to. Stuyvesant Street, the prayer of [184] which failed to be granted by that Body for want of time, be renewed, during the recess of the Board

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to the Watch Committee to Report to this Board their opinion on the expediency of increasing the present City Watch by adding Roundsmen, and to what extent it may be necessary.

Alderman Strong presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences and Street Committee

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Streets and Arts & Sciences to inquire and Report on the probable cost of laying permanent lines of Railway in such Streets as may be of a grade [185] sufficiently level for that purpose; and to enquire also into the general expediency of including Railway Tracks among the future objects of City improvement, Also to ascertain whether the Common Council possess the necessary powers to carry the above object into effect, and if so whether further powers may not be necessary to enable the Common Council to regulate the use of the same in such manner as the public interests may requi[r]e and if feasible and expedient to establish Railways in the City and derive the profits and revenues accruing therefrom after paying Interest and expenses.

Alderman Lee presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

Resolved, That the Committee on Applications to the Legislature inquire and Report the expediency of procuring such amendments to the Law in relation to filling sunken Lots so as to make it applicable to fencing as well as filling

Alderman Strong presented [186] the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Finance Committee

Resolved that the Finance Committee be requested to furnish the Common Council at its next regular Meeting with a detailed statement of the Receipts and Expenditures during the Year ending on the 1st day of February next also the sources of City revenue and the amount received from each the sevral appointments made by the Common Council the objects for which the same were made and the amount of monies expended under each. The monies borrowed on the credit of the Corporation the authority under which each Loan was made and the terms on which the same was obtained, to the end that the same may be published in obedience to the 20th Section of the New Charter of the City.

Mr Dibblee presented the following Resolution which was read.

Resolved. That the sum [187] of be appropriated towards aiding in the relief of the suffering Poor in the 11th Ward during the present inclement season—and that the same be paid in two weekly instalments of to the order of the Alderman and Assistant of the said Ward

The Comptroller presented the following Report of Cash Acct

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| Balance as per Acct 10 Inst | $1061.04 |
| Recd for Tax of 1830 | 25,000. |
| " " Rents | 2,724.79 |
| " " Streets | 2.673.94 |
| " " Tavern Licenses | 320. |
| " " Commutation alien passengers | 278. |
| " " Docks & Slips | 200. |
| " " Justices Courts | 149.36 |
| " " Wells & Pumps | 80. |
| " " Fines of Attorney | 31.52 |
| " " Militia Fines | 31.16 |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 13. |
| | $32,562.81 |

36 Accounts Audited and directed to be paid

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| Blauvelt & Stewart. Watch 1st Dist | $1392.12 |
| Astin & Field " 2d " | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring 3d " | 1043. |
| G B. Smith Asst St Comr 1 Qr 15 Jany | 500. |
| [188] D D. Williamson Messenger 1 Qr 26 Jany | 125. |
| J Morton Clk C. C. for Hack & postage acts | 93.11 |
| J Cox for registering sundry Deeds &c of corporation 1 Year to 1 Jany. 1831 | 13.05 |
| J Shaw. Sheriff for Officer conveying prisoners from Sessions to Penity H. Refuge & State Prison to 1 Jany 1831. | 164. |
| J Fleming Treasr Amt paid Witnesses ordered by court | 25. |

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| A R & D S. Smith Covering for Engine House..... | $22.50 |
| Evening Post subscription 6 Mos 1 Decr 1830..... | 50. |
| Gould Banks & Co Laws of the State 1 Jany..... | 41.45 |
| P. Smith regulg. Lewis St. from North to 8th St. ordered 10 Jany..... | 640.80 |
| P Smith acct regulg 6th St from Avenue D to Lewis St.... | 170. |
| R Pettigrew. paving sidewalks Bleecker St between Hancock & Downing Sts..... | 45.16 |
| J Pinkerton pavg. sidewalks Crosby between Prince & Houstoun Sts..... | 32.24 |
| Thos R Ludlum surveys &c 1 Qr 1 Jany..... | 119.10 |
| R Graves St Comr acct Public Reservoirs..... | 1000. |
| R Graves " " " Lands & Places..... | 100. |
| J P, Roome Supr Repairs for Repairs..... | 1563. |
| J P. Roome " " " Fire Dep..... | 1654. |
| J P. Roome " " " Pumps ..... | 140. |
| L Murray Treas City Dispen. ordered 10 Jany..... | 500. |
| J Hays for 34 peace Office[r]s on the night 31e Decr 1830. | 102. |
| J Hays Expenses to Albany & back respecting Forged Bank Notes ordered by Finance Comt..... | 30.75 |
| [189] Wm W Rodman award opening Asylum from Christopher to 6th Avenue | 3850. |
| P H Wendover do do do do do do | 3344. |
| D Codwize Trustee of A D. Pell & A S, Pell bal. do. do. | 2699.51 |
| Unknown Owners (ampt paid into Court) do do do. | 1500. |
| Isaac Young Mortgagee of Lands A S, Pell do. do. do. | 1370.49 |
| Saml Y. Clark Atty. of Jas Cromwell do. do. do. | 250. |
| Mervillee Shumway balance do. do. do. do. | 21. |
| Wm C Rhinelander Award closing Southampton Road from 8th Avenue to 15th St. | 1764. |
| R Simpson do do do do do. | 601. |
| Estate of P Dustan Award opening 15th St. from Blooming-[dale] Road to Hudson river..... | 220. |
| A. Burtis Super. Alms House for Ditto..... | 6000. |
| Balance..... | $382.53 |

The Board then adjourned to meet on Monday the 31st January. at 5' OClock P. M.

[190] In Common Council January 31st 1831.

Present, The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen. | Assistants. |
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| Samuel Stevens | Jonathan Seymour |
| Isaac Brown | Wm Mandeville |
| Anthony Lamb | David Bryson |
| George D. Strong | Henry Arcularius |
| William Seaman | Peter S. Townsend |
| Benjamin M. Brown | Joseph W. Beadel |
| James N. Wells | John Rogers |
| Gideon Lee | Thomas Jeremiah |
| James Palmer | Fyler Dibblee |
| Thomas T. Woodruff | Philip W. Engs. |

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Unfinished business of the last Meeting.

Alderman Woodruff. presented the following Resolution which was read and agreed.

Resolved That it is de- [191] sirable for public purposes and convenience that so much of the Fourth Avenue as lies between the Broadway or Bloomingdale road and the Bowery be opened and the same is hereby ordered to be done.

Resolved. that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and assessment. in the said matter and that the Petition for that purpose be authenticated during the recess of the Board.

Alderman Stevens presented the following Resolution which was read and Referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature

Resolved that the Committee on Applications to the Legislature inquire into the expediency of asking the State to make provision for their female prisoners now in the New York Penitentiary or as to the expediency of asking a Law to remove them to the prison at Blackwells Insland.

Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Finance Committee

[192] Resolved That the trial of the Action of Ejectment now depending in the Superior Court for the recovery of the premises upon which Fort Gansevoort is erected be delayed until the further order of the Board.

Mr Townsend presented the following Resolution which was read and laid on the Table.

Resolved That a Special Committee of five persons be appointed to investigate the condition and wants of the suffering poor in this City and that they be permitted to make such appropriations out of the public funds for their relief not exceeding the sum of Five Thousand dollars as in their Judgement may seem necessary and proper.

The Resolution presented by Mr Dibblee at the last meeting was called up and after some discussion was laid on the Table.

[193] Alderman Stevens presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the special Committee consisting of Alderman Stevens, Seaman and Mr Dibblee

Resolved, that a Committee of three persons be appointed to confer and advise with the Commissioners of the Alms House in relation to their present expenditures and relief of the poor.

The Report of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature together with the draft of a law to be enacted by the Legislature which was made the order of the day was now called up and the first section of the law was taken into consideration. After some amendments were proposed to the first section it appearing that a quoram was not present a motion was made to adjourn and was carried in the affirmative

And the Board was adjourned to Monday next at 5 O'Clock

[194] In Common Council. February 7th. 1831

Present. The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants. |
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| Peter J. Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D. Strong | Peter S. Townsend |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M. Brown | Joseph W. Beadel |
| James N. Wells | John Rogers |
| Bernard J. Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| David Marsh | John Lovett. |
| Gideon Lee | Philip W. Engs |
| James Palmer | |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Communication was received from the Superintendant of the Alms House enclosing a letter [195] from the Clerk of the Counsel of the Corporation stating that the Superior Court had decided that the Law preventing Swine from running at large was unconstitutional and

that therefore the costs incurred amounting to $147.45/100 were to be paid by the Corporation

Whereupon the whole subject was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to direct a warrant to be reported for payment of said costs or to carry the cause by appeal to the Supreme Court as they should judge advisable.

A Communication was received from John Adams, Esquire President of the Humane Society presenting the acknowledgement of that Institution to the Common Council for their liberal Resolution to supply the Debtors confined in Prison with fuel by which the Humane Society are enabled further to extend their aid to many poor families at this inclement season, accepted and directed to be filed.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the Sailors Snug Harbour made agreeably to Law was presented and ordered to be filed [196] for the use of the Members.

A Petition of Augustus Nicoll for removal of the remains of his son from S[t] Marks Church to Trinity Church Yard. Of Isaac Carow for permission to remove the remains of an Infant to the family vault in Beekman Street. Of John V. B. Varick for permission to remove the remains of his Wife and Children from the French Church to the Dutch Church in Garden Street. Of Ellen Tooker for permission to remove the remains of her late Husband Samuel Tooker from the ground of the church corner of Augustus and Duane Streets to Saint Marks church. And of Rev[d] Edward Mitchell for permission to remove the remains of his Daughter from the Episcopal burying ground in Charlton Street to Saint Marks were severally read and referred to the Police Committee

A Remonstrance of Samuel Ackerly and others against [197] opening Front Street above Market Slip was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Alfred S. Pell to have assessment on Lots on 4th and 5th Streets and Avenue D. apportioned was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Remonstrance of Isaac L. Kip, Of Frederick Philipse and others, Of Michael Burnham and others, Of Gabriel Winter and others and of William B. Lawrence and others severally against widening Pine Street from Nassau Street to William Street were read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Waddell for renewal of Lease for Lot N° 58 Elm Street in the 6th. Ward was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Communication from George Betts clerk of the 4th & 6th Ward Court stating that the Lease of the Rooms at present occupied by the Court expires on the 1st day of May next was read and referred [198] to the Aldermen and Assistants of the 4th. and 6th. Wards.

A Petition of William Cowan to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax was read, and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of John B. Smith for transfer of Stand N° 20 Centre Market to W^m P. Varien was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of sundry Boatmen for the removal of Hunt Inspector of Firewood at the foot of Fulton Street North River was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of George Lovett Benjamin Bailey and others for the extension of Broadway to the 3^d Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[199] A Petition of William W. Holley praying to have a road made to his House on Bowery Hill was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Elizabeth Laselles for relief from the payment of an assessment for opening Asylum Street was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A. Petition of George Munroe for the Office of Lamp Lighter was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of Julia M, Lambert and Samuel F. Lambert for. and a remonstrance of Isaac Lawrence and others against Widening Fletcher Street from Pearl to Water Street. were read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Place & *Souliard* [Souillard] and others to have Ann Street widened from Nassau to William Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee

[200] A Petition of D. Pearsall and others to have a Watchman stationed at Fulton Market was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Jacob Stamler for Transfer of Stall N° 44 Fulton Market to Christian Stamler was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Memorial of sundry Electors of the 12th Ward against the Division of said Ward was read and referred to the Special Committee on that subject, of which Alderman Lee is Chairman.

A Petition of Philip J. Arcularius for permission to transfer Lease of Lot N° 6 Fulton Street Brooklyn to Isaac Snedecor was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Samuel M. Holland for the Office of City Weigher was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for office.

[201] A Petition of John Wark for an allowance of three Months pay as a Marshal in the Court of Sessions was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of John Fash for permission to transfer Stall N° 7 Centre Market to Arnest Fink Junior was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Remonstrance of the Foreman of Engine N° 8 against removing the same to the neighbourhood of Essex Market was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

A Petition of Patrick McBarron to be remunerated for damages sustained while paving Hester Street in consequence of Engines running over the pavement while in an unfinished state was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Nehemiah Brush and others for Lamps in St. John's Alley and in Collister Street was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

[202] A Petition of Isaac Hatch for the Office of City Measurer was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen the resignations were accepted and the appointments made Viz.

Fire Engine Co.

N° 4

Alonzo F, Baily Smith 240 William St.
Vc Wm Crigier, Resigned.

N° 21.

Washington McClelland Coppersmith 248 Water St.
Vc Osmer S, Watkins Red

N° 30

Joseph Concklin. Carpenter 2. Bedford St. To fill Company.

N° 34

James Miller Carpenter 34 Renwick St.
Roby Cole Mason 10 Amos St. } To fill Company.

N° 47.

Isaac P, Smith Ship carpenter 416 Fourth St.
V^c John B. Rowlee & Cha^s D. Holmes Res^d

[203] Supply Engine Co.
N° 1.

John W. Lawrence Merchant 81, Frankfort St.
V^c Edward G. *Fash* [Faile] Time expired
Morris Franklin Lawyer 296 Broome St.
V^c Elias G. Drake app^td Warden.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for Repaving Ann St. from Broadway to Nassau Street which was confirmed and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented the following return of Delinquents whereupon Warrants were directed to be issued to the Collectors thereof, Viz. For an assessment for l[a]ying side-walks in Gouverneur Street between Henry and Water Streets.—Also for paving Lewis from 2^d to 4^th Street. Warrants to issue to Thomas Cottrell the Collector Also for repaving William Street from Pine Street to Maiden Lane—And for opening Elizabeth Street from Greenwich Lane to Broadway. and Warrants to issue to John Hanmer the Collector.

[204] The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom had been referred the subject of electing the Mayor by the People presented the following report.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Resolution of Alderman Strong calling for an enquiry into the expediency of bringing the election of the Mayor of this City directly to the people.

Report:

That as the resolution proposes a material change in the recently amended Charter, the Committee have examined the question with much deliberation; that such change will first require an amendment to the Constitution of the State; that the framers of that instrument have purposely made any the slightest change difficult and of tedious process. It must be passed in the affirmative by two sucessive Legislatures and once passed in the affirmative by the people of the State in their annual election. [205] That in the opinion of this Committee, the people are the most proper authority to make the application required. That any amendments to the Charter proposed by the Common Council, and particularly affecting the Elections or organization of this Body have

been heretofore discountenanced by the people, and finaly. that however desirable or beneficial the proposed change might be found in practice, any interference of this Common Council, unsolicited by the people might endanger the success of the measure.

The Committee offer the following Resolution:

Resolved That it is inexpedient at this time to make application to the Legislature for any alteration in the Constitution of the State or of the Charter of this City

Gideon Lee
James Palmer
Joseph W. Beadel
James N. Wells.

After some discussion Alderman Stevens presented the following Resolution.

Resolved; That this corporation consent that their charter be so amended that their Mayor be appointed by the People and that a Memorial be presented to the Legis- [206] lature expressive of this opinion

Mr Townsend presented a Resolution of similar import which he afterwards withdrew. after considerable debates the previous question was called and the Ayes and Noes being demanded the Members voted as follows

In the Affirmative Alderman Strong Lee Palmer Mr Arcularius Beadel Lovett Eng 7

In the Negative. Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Stevens I Brown Lamb Seaman B M. Brown Wells Meserole Marsh Mr Seymour Mandevill Bryson Townsend Scott, Rogers Jeremiah 17

So it passed in the Negative

[207] Alderman Nevius then moved that it be laid on the Table and printed. A Division being called the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Aldermn Nevius Lamb Seaman B M. Brown Wells Meserole Marsh Lee Palmer Mr Seymour Mandeville Bryson Townsend Scott Beadel Rogers Jeremiah Lovett 19

In the Negative Alderman Stevens I Brown Strong Mr Arcularius Engs 5

So it was carried in the Affirmative and laid on the Table accordingly.

[208] The Committee on application to the Legislature to whom was referred the subject of the extension of the Fire Limits presented the following Report in favor of the same accompanied with a Bill to the Legislature in favor thereof.

The Committee on applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the question of extending the Fire Limits.

Report;

That several different sections of the City petitioned the Common Council last year for such extension. That the street Commissioner advertized the usual time for objections, that objections were made to one section only and this section was excluded, that the other sections against which there was no remonstrance were embraced in the memorial and bill which the Common Council forwarded to the Legislature. That for causes unknown to this Committee the Legislature failed to pass the Bill into a law

That the Street Commissioner [209] has again advertized for objections to the extension of the fire limits over the same sections as last year, and again no objection has been made. He has also advertized for objections to a new section which has been petitioned this winter to be brought in, and no objection has been made to it The Committee therefore Report a bill defining the lines and boundaries of the sections over which the fire limits are proposed to be extended and against which there is no remonstrance and that such lines and Boundaries may be more clearly seen they have caused them to be drawn on a map accompanying this report. The red lines on the Map form the Northerly boundary of the present fire limits The green and yellow lines mark the boundaries of the sections over which the bill proposes to extend the fire limits, the annexed resolution is offered.

Resolved, That a Memorial be prepared, authenticated and presented to the Legislature during the recess of the Board, to pass a law extending the fire limits in conformity with this report.

G. Lee
[210] James Palmer
Joseph W. Beadel
James N. Wells.

Which was approved the Resolution adopted and the Bill ordered to be forwarded to the Legislature during the recess of the Board

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Communication from Ab$^{m}$ Cargill in relation to a Bill now in the assembly providing for the payment of Jurors in this County presented the following Report against said Bill.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Communication of Abraham Cargill Esq$^{r}$ in relation to a

Bill now in the assembly, providing for the payment of Jurors in this County, be[g] leave to Report;

The number of Jurors liable to be summoned, the number of Terms and days of Court, are [211] computed as follows. Viz

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| Gen[l] Sessions | 12 | Terms | 11 | days | each | 24 | Grand | Jurors | 3168 days. |
| Oyer & Terminer | 4 | Do | 2 | Do | | 24 | Do | Do | 192 do |
| Gen[l] Sessions. | 12 | Do | 11 | Do | | 84 | Petit | Jurors | 11.088. do |
| Common Pleas | 11 | Do | 10 | Do | | 84 | Do | Do | 9.240 do |
| Superior | 11 | Do | 15 | Do | | 84 | Do | Do | 13.860 do |
| Oyer Terminer & Circ[t] | 4 | Do | 12 | Do | | 60 | Do | Do | 2.880 do |
| Marine | 52 | Do | 3 | Do | | 40 | Do | Do | 6.240 do |
| Sheriffs | 54 | Do | 1 | Do | | 27 | Do | Do | 1.458 do |
| Insolvent | 20 | Do | 1 | Do | | 10 | Do | Do | 360 do |
| 7 Asst. Justices | 550 | Pannels | 1. | Do | | 18 | Do | Do | 9.900 do |

Total liable attendance..... 58.386 Days.

The Committee have no Copy of the Bill in question, They understand it provides a per diem pay to the Jurors of four of the principal Courts. We do not perceive the equity of this distinction and no doubt the Jurors of the other Courts will be added should the Bill pass. The actual attendance of Jurors now falls far short of the numbers summoned, probably more than half whether a per diem pay would cause a full attendance at roll-call, to secure the pay is uncertain. The sum to be drawn from the Treasury by this measure, would in any event be considerable, but the Committee deem this unimportant compared with other con- [212] sequence. The Yeomanry of this Country, have ever performed three branches of Public duty gratuitously, sustaining like the grand Pillars, the Military, the Jury and the Fire Department.

The relation and mutual dependence of these Departments, through the force of numerous Laws, and long practice is now such, that any material change in one might destroy the three.

It is known to the Common Council that the time and expense of a Member of our Uniformed Militia, is vastly greater than that of a Juryman, that the time and hazard to a Fireman, is vastly greater than that of the Uniformed Militiaman, that from the increased numbers of Fires, the duty of that Department has become onerous and dangerous to health and life. That the Revised Statutes provide for the exemption from Jury duty, all persons whose Interest would be materially injured by such service, that Fines for non attendance are [213] rarely enforced, that Jury service is a school of inestimable value to our Yeomanry, that the knowledge, the dignity and self

respect acquired in the performance of Jury duty, is scarcely less valuable to a Mechanic or Tradesman, than the privilege of Trial by Jury, that the claims to pecuniary compensation of the two other departments named are far stronger than those of the Jury.

The Committee would recommend money payment to neither. Our Yeomanry, that class of Men of which the Departments named are chiefly composed, also form in a great measure the foundation of our Independence the shield of our Political liberties, so long as Patriotism is the incentive to duty but if we make all Public service venal if we render our Yeomanry mercenary, the best feature of our Republic is lost.

The Committee offer the following Resolution.

Resolved That a remonstrance be authenticated and forwarded to the Legislature, during the recess of the Board. against any alteration in the existing Laws. relative to the Jurors of this County.

G. Lee
[214] James Palmer
Fyler Dibblee
James N. Wells

Whereupon the Report was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the resolutions of Al$^{dmn}$ Lamb and Stevens relative to the oath of Electors at the Charter Elections presented a Report accompanied with the Draft of a Law to the Legislature altering the form of the oath which were read Laid on the Table and ordered to be printed.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of celebrating the anniversary of the 25$^{th}$ Nov$^{r}$ in conjunction with the late revolution achieved by the People of France presented the following Report.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Resolution enjoining them to make the necessary [215] arrangements on the part of this Common Council to celebrate the Anniversary of the Evacuation of the City at the Close of the Revolutionary War. in conjunction with the event of the late revolution, achieved by the People of France.

Report;

That in the performance of the duties assigned them, an expense of one hundred and seventy eight Dollars and ninety cents was nec-

essarialy incurred, The bills are hereunto attached, they offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the payment of the Bills attached be made from the contingent Fund and that the Comptroller issue a warrant in favor of A. B. Martling for the purpose

G. Lee
B J. Meserole
David Marsh

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Alexander Knox to have West Street made and [216] the water Lots filled up from Jane Street to the great Kill Road presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Alexander Knox requesting that measures may be taken by this Corporation for having West Street made and the Water lots filled up from Jane street to the Great Kill road.

Respectfully Report;

That the land under water betwen Jane street and the Kill Road lies in front of the grounds of the late William Bayard and in consequence of a claim to said lands by the United States the which until within a short time past remained unsettled—No grant of the said lands under water have been made and consequently no order could be given for making the Streets or filling the lots, but in as much as it is now understood that those objections are removed.

Your Committee are of the [217] opinion that measures ought to be adopted for the relief of the petitioner who is receiving great damage in consequence of the lots adjoining his premises not being filled and also as the public are not receiving the quit rent growing out of the said lands under water they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Comptroller cause due notice to be given to the proprietor of the grounds fronting the Hudson River, and lying between Jane Street and the Kill road, to take out Grants for the water lots in front of the grounds to the permanant line on such terms and conditions as may be approved by this Board.

Geo D. Strong
John Lovett
Jno Rogers.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Jane Dartnell for permission to transfer Lease of Lot N° 95 Chatham street to Bradly [218] S S$^{t}$ John and Lewis L. Bouton presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jane Dartnell (who at present holds a lease from the Common Council of the lot N° 95 Chatham Street) asking permission to transfer the said Lease to Bradly S. St. John and Lewis S. Bouton

Respectfully Report;

That in their opinion no obstacle exists to granting the prayer of the petitioner and offer the following resolution.

Resolved that the Common Council do hereby consent that the lease of the Lot N° 95 Chatham Street at present held by Jane Dartnell be transferred to Bradly S. St. John and Lewis S. Bouton and that the Comptroller note the same on the books of his office.

W. Seaman
Benjamin M. Brown
[219] Peter J. Nevius
Anthony Lamb
G. Lee.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Edward Lyde and John M$^{c}$Comb Trustees &$^{c}$ of Henry Spingler deceased for remission of Interest on the Assessment for opening 14$^{th}$ Street presented the following report against the same.

The Finance Committee to [whom was referred] the annexed Petition of Edward Lyde and John M$^{c}$Comb. Trustees of the Estate of Henry Spingler deceased for remission of Interest on the assessment for opening Twentieth Street.

Respectfully Report;

That the sum of Interest on the above assessment for which the Petitioners ask from the Common Council a remission is two hundred and eighty dollars and seven cents and is claimed from them only for the period chargeable agreeably to the Statute of the State in such cases [220] and as it is customarily paid by other persons against whose property assessments are made and which are not paid off in proper season. Your Committee are of opinion that a compliance with the request of the petitioners would establish an injurious precedent and in all probability produce difficulties and embarras-

ments in similar cases hereafter and they offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved; That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

W. Seaman
Benjamin M. Brown
Peter J. Nevius
Anthony Lamb.
G. Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Bernard McCafferty for payment of monies due him on his contract for [r]egulating 6th [221] Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee on the application of B McCafferty for payment of monies due him.

Beg leave to Report; that the Petitioner entered into a contract with the Street Commissioner for filling up and regulating Sixth Street from The First Avenue to Avenue A. which said contract was completed by the Petitioner the Assessments therefor made out and confirmed on the 6th September last past. the amount of which contract is $18,054.$^{6}/_{100}$ that the sum of $3500. has been collected and paid over to the applicant, and that the further steps required by law have been taken by the collector against the owners of the lots assessed in order to secure the final payment of the same.

Your Committee are of opinion that it is expedient, a part of the amount remaining due, should be advanced to him and offer the following resolution.

Resolved. that the Comptroller draw a warant in favor of Bernard McCafferty for the sum of Twenty five hundred dollars on acct. of his contract for regulating [222] 6th Street from the First Avenue to Avenue A.

W. Seaman
Benjamin M. Brown
Peter J. Nevius
Anthony Lamb
G. Lee.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Vail for permission to transfer *of* Lease of Lot Nº 74 Grand Street to John Kent presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Petition of William Vail for permission to transfer the lease of Lot N° 74 Grand Street. (the fee of which is in the Common Council) and held by him under Lease to John Kent.

Respectfully Report, That by a clause in the Lease it is precluded from transfer except by the consent of the Common Council and for the [223] purpose of obtaining this consent application is made.

Your Committee see no objection to making the transfer and offer the following resolution

Resolved that the Common Council consent to the transfer of the lease of Lot N° 74 Grand Street next to the corner of Mangin Street, now held by William Vail. from him to John Kent, and that the Comptroller note the same on the books in his office.

W Seaman
Benjamin M. Brown
Peter J. Nevius
Anthony Lamb
G. Lee.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham G Mayer for compensation as a Witness in the Court of Sessions by order of the District Attorney presented the following report in favor of the same

The Finance Committee [224] to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham G. Mayers praying for compensation for his attendance as a witness in the Court of Sessions during the latter part of the last Year

Respectfully Report.

That the petitioner appeared before your Committee and stated that by desire and request of the District Attorney he had remained in this City for a considerable time during the last summer and fall for the purpose of giving his testimony, before the Court of Sessions on the trials of sundry persons who had been indicted for keeping gaming houses contrary to Law as his evidence was deemed material in order to elicit the truth of the charges made against the persons held under indictment and whose convictions and consequent punishment were produced mainly through his testimony, he further states that he is extremely poor being absolutely without any present means of support for himself or family and that he is desirous [225] of returning to the

interior of the State of Pennsylvania where his friends reside, but that he is totally without the means of defraying the expenses necessary in traveling thither, the petitioner further states that at different times during the pendency of the indictments sums of money were offered to him provided he would leave the City and fail to appear on the trials of the persons indicted all of which he invariably declined— Of the importance of the testimony given by the petitioner on the trials above mentioned there can be no doubt. indeed the fact is within the personal knowledge of many members of the Common Council and it seems beyond question that through his instrumentality some of the most dangerous haunts of vice in the City have been broken up. his necessitous situation has been fully shewn to your Committee. And under all the circumstances they think it would be proper for the corporation to afford him some relief by furnishing him the necessary means to enable him to return to the interior of Pennsylvania where his friends reside and [226] with that view they offer the following Resolution

Resolved. That the sum of Fifty dollars be allowed as a compensation to Abraham G. Mayers for the time occupied by him in attendance as a witness at the Court of Sessions as above mentioned and that the Comptroller draw a warrant for the sme

W. Seaman
Benjamin M. Brown
Peter J. Nevius
Anthony Lamb
G. Lee.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Sarah Anderson Henry J. Anderson and Martha Bailey representatives of the Estate of Elbert Anderson and Theodorus Bailey deceased for the transfer of Lease of lot at Westerly [227] corner of Chatham & Chambers Streets to Daniel Jackson presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to [whom was referred] the accompanying petition of Sarah Anderson Henry J. Anderson and Martha Bailey representatives of the Estates respectively of Elbert Anderson and Theodorus Bailey both deceased for the transfer of the lease (under which they hold from the Common Council the lot at the Westerly corner of Chatham & Chamber Streets)

Respectfully Report; That the above mentioned representatives of

the Estates of Elbert Anderson and Theodorus Bailey have contracted to sell their interest in the before mentioned Lease to Daniel Jackson but they are unable to consummate the sale by reason of a stipulation in the Lease preventing any assignment—thereof—unless by consent of the Common Council. Your Committee are of opinion that the request of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved; that the [228] Common Council do hereby consent to the assignment of the lease of the lot at the Westerly corner of Chatham & Chamber, now held by the Estates of Elbert Anderson and Theodorus Bailey to Daniel Jackson, and that the Comptroller note the same on the books of his Office

W Seaman
Benjamin M. Brown
Peter J. Nevius
Anthony Lamb
G. Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report on sale of lot N° 75 Market Slip and Brick Store thereon to William F Mott. at public auction.

The Finance Committee Respectfully Report, to the Common Council that in pursuance of the resolution of the 10th January last they have caused to be sold at Public Auction the brick store and Lot N° 75. [229] Market Slip to William F. Mott who was the highest bidder for the same at the sum of Three thousand three hundred and twenty five dollars and he the purchaser to pay the costs of sale and deed, and that in order to consumate the same it is necessary, a conveyance should be executed to him and offer the following resolution.

Resolved: That the Counsel to the Board, is hereby directed to draw the proper conveyance for the store and lot N° 75 Market Slip to William F. Mott, for the consideration of $3325, he paying expenses that the same be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board, and delivered to him on the full payment of the aforesaid sum

W Seaman
Benjamin M. Brown
Peter J. Nevious
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved the Resolution Adopted and the deed [ordered] to be executed during the recess of the Board.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Christopher Keys. [230] for the payment of monies due him on his contract for regulating 7th Street from 1st avenue to avenue A presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the petition of Christopher Keys for the payment of monies on his contract for regulating Seventh Street from the First Avenue to avenue A.

Respectfully Report;

That the Contract above mentioned was completed by the petitioner the assessments made out and confirmed by the Common Council. on [January 25, 1830] the amount of which contract is $13483.48/100 that the sum of $500 has been collected on the assessments and paid over to the applicant and leaving a balance coming to him of $12893.48/100

Your Committee have also ascertained that the requisite demands for the amount of assessment have been made by the Collector on the persons against whom they are [231] charged and the proper returns of non payment have also by him been made it is shewn before the Committee that the petitioner has expended all his means both of money and credit to enable him to complete the contract and is now paying interest for a considerable portion thereof and to enable him to be relieved from the difficulties he is now labouring under

Your Committee think it proper that an advance in part be made to him and offer the following resolution

Resolved; that the Comptroller be directed to draw a warrant in favor of Christopher Keys for Five thousand Dollars on account of his contract for regulating Seventh Street. from the First avenue to Avenue A.

W. Seaman
Benjamin M. Brown
Peter J. Nevius
Anthony Lamb
G. Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to [232] whom was referred the Petition of John Rogers to purchase a Gore of Land corner of Eleventh Street and the 6th Avenue presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee on the Application of John Rogers to

purchase a gore of Land at the corner of Eleventh Street and the Sixth Avenue.

Respectfully Report;

That the gore of land applied for became vested in the Corporation by the proceedings for opening Eleventh Street and is valued by the Commissioner at the sum of one hundred and fourteen dollars and sixty one cents which sum has been paid by the Common Council for it Your Committee find that the gore above mentioned adjoins the land of M$^{r}$ J Rogers and of no other person and in conformity with the practice of the board in such cases think it proper that it should be conveyed to the applicant for [233] the cost price he paying expenses of conveyance & offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the board is hereby instructed to draw a conveyance to John Rogers Esq$^{r}$ for a gore of land at the North West corner of 11$^{th}$ Street and the 6$^{th}$ Avenue for the consideration of $114.$^{61}/_{100}$ and expenses of conveyance, and that the same be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

W. Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
Peter J. Nevius
G. Lee.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of W$^{m}$ Smith and Joseph R. Collet for transfer of Stalls presented the following report in favor of the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Smith and also of Joseph R. Collet for transfer of Stalls

[234] Respectfully Report:

That they are accompanied with the usual transfer and necessary certificate of qualification they offer the following resolution.

Resolved; That a Butchers Licence be granted to Barney Hanigan for Stall N$^{o}$ 19 Catharine Market. To William Smith for Stall N$^{o}$ 20 Washington Market

Respectfully submitted.

Benjamin M. Brown
W. Seaman
Jon$^{a}$ Seymour
David Marsh
B J. Meserole.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences presented the Report stating that the Clock intended for the Cupola of the City Hall is so far completed as to be at present in temporary operation in the lower Chamber of the Cupola. and Inviting the members of the [235] Board to examine it on Tuesday at 1 O'Clock

The Committee on Arts and Sciences beg leave to

Report:

That the Clock intended for the City Hall is so far completed as to be at present in temporary operation, in the lower Chamber of the Cupalo. The Committee are entirely satisfied of the superior quality of its workmanship and have no doubt that the Members of the Board and the public generally will not regret the time that has been occupied in its p[r]eperation, at the request of the Messieurs Demilts, and with the concurrence of the Committee, The Members of the Common Council are Invited to examine it to morrow (Tuesday at 1 O Clock P M.)

Respectfully submitted

Thoˢ Jeremiah
P S. Townsend

Which was approved and the Invitation accepted.

Mʳ Jeremiah presented the following Resolution which was read and Laid on the Table.

[236] Resolved, That it be submitted to the People at the approaching Spring Election to decide by Ballot whether the Office of Mayor shall thence forward be Elective

Mʳ Townsend presented the following Resolution which was read and adopted.

Resolved, That the Resident Physician of the Bellevue Alms House & Penitentiary upon Blackwells Island and also the attending Physician of the Jail be directed to make a semi annual Report to this Board of the number name and description of diseases treated by them during each year and also of the name birth place and ages of the persons so treated, the number of deaths and also the number of cases that have terminated successfully together with such other remarks and information to this Board as will in any manner tend in their opinion to improve and relieve the [237] condition of the poor under their charge.

Mʳ Engs presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

Whereas it appears that the Legislature of this State have before them a Bill to appoint Guagers for this City, and whereas the Charter

of the City grants such power to this Corporation and the same having been heretofore exercised to the satisfaction of their fellow Citizens it is Resolved. that his Honor the Mayor be authorized and requested during the recess of the Board to authenticate and forward to the Legislature the remonstrance of this Common Council against the proposed law as an infringement on their chartered rights.

Alderman Isaac Brown presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

Resolved That the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips enquire and Report to this Board the propriety of amending the Law regulating the [238] lying of Vessels in the Public Slips in relation to that part of it which requires Vessels to pay extra Wharfage after remaining Fifteen days.

The Bill proposed to be transmitted to Legislature to be enacted into a Law under the title of "a Law relative to the City of New York" which was under consideration at the last meeting was called up amended and approved of and directed to be engrossed and transmitted to the Legislature now in Session at Albany. And it was directed that the proceedings of the last Meeting on that subject be not engrossed on the Minutes.

The Comptroller presented the following Report of Cash Act

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| Balance as per acct 24th inst | $382.53 |
| Recd for Tax of 1830 | 19.800. |
| " " Streets | 4.365. |
| " " Rents | 551.22 |
| " " Justices Courts | 285.26 |
| " " Arrears of Tax | 202.18 |
| " " [239] Superior Court fees | 96. |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 18. |
| " " Commutation Alien passengers | 2. |
| " " Markets | 2. |
| | $25704.19 |

85 Acts audited and directed to be paid

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| Blauvelt & Stewart. Watch 1st Dist | | $1392.12 |
| Astin & Field " 2 " | | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring " 3 " | | 1043. |
| N. L. Astin expenses suit against him as Cap. Watch. ordered 27 Jany | | 27.30 |
| J Morton Clk C. C. 1 Qr 1 Feby | | 500. |
| A B. Martling Keep[er] C. H. | 1 Qr 1 Feby | 250. |
| H Stormes Inspct Hacks | 1 " 2 " | 200. |
| J Lozier Clk St. Comr Office | 1 " 1 " | 125. |
| J Ahern Asst Clk Mayors Office | 1 " 1 " | 125. |

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| O Ayers & J Coffin | Asst City Inspr | | | 1 | Mo | 1 | Feby | ..... | $117. |
| Astin & Higbie | Ast Keeps | C. Hall | | 1 | " | 1 | " | ..... | 77.50 |
| C Myers | Keep[er] | Pottersfield | | 1 | " | 1 | " | ..... | 69.75 |
| David J. Burger | regult | public Clocks | | 1 | Qr | 1 | " | ..... | 50. |
| T Astin | Street Inspr | 1 | Ward | 1 | Mo | 1 | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| T Woolcocks | " " | 2 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| J B. Ebbets | " " | 3 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| N B. Lyon | " " | 4 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| I A. Isaacs | " " | 5 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| A Morris | " " | 6 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| F Gantz. | " " | 7 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| [240] Wm G Babb | " " | 8 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| H B. Roome | " " | 9 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| T Austin | " " | 10 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| A Hatfield | " " | 11 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| E Kingsland | " " | 12 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| D Hubbard | " " | 13 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| P. Field | " " | 14 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | ..... | 46.50 |
| A B Martling | Keep [er] | C. H. expenses | | 1 | Qr | 1 | Feby | ..... | 402.37 |
| J Morton | Clk C. C. | Hack Acts &c | | " | | " | | ..... | 42.50 |
| Walter Betts in full of his Claims in arrest of D Mersereau his Dep. in New Jersey. ordered 24 Jany | | | | | | | | ..... | 17. |
| J Pinckney & A Parker | asstn | Board Health | | 1 | Mo | 1 | Feby. | | 104. |
| J Coffin | asst. City Inspr | removg. nuisances | | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 29.57 |
| J Shaw | Sheriff for | officers attendg. courts | | 1 | Qr | 1 | " | | 1510.50 |
| S Jones | Chief Justice | Superior Court | | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 625. |
| J O Hoffman | Justice | " " | | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 625. |
| Thos J Oakley | " | " " | | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 625. |
| J P Roome | crier of Court to 1st Feby | | | | | | | ..... | 57.23 |
| D T. Valentine | Marshal | Marine Court. | 1 Mo | 1 | Feb | | | ..... | 32.50 |
| J M, Bloodgood | Super Sts. | 1 Qr Saly. | 1 Feb | | | | | ..... | 375. |
| Wm Rockwell | Physician | City prison | | 1 | Qr | 1 | Feb. | | 75. |
| J Hammond | Justice | 1. 2. 3 | Wards | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 400. |
| E Morrill | " | 4. 6 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 400. |
| H Meigs | " | 5. 8. 14 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 400. |
| H Scovill | " | 7. 10. 13 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 400. |
| A Woodward | " | 9. 11 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 400. |
| [241] D M. Cowdry | Clk | 1. 2. 3 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 187.50 |
| Geo. Betts | " | 4. 6 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 187.50 |
| P. See | " | 5. 8. 14 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 187.50 |
| R L Jaques | " | 9. 11 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 187.50 |
| R Varick | Rent of Court. room | 1. 2. 3 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 60. |
| J & W McKinsey | " " " | 4 6 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 32.50 |
| Wm M Whitaker | " " " | 7. 10. 13 | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 25. |
| L Baum | Clk. | Washington Market | | 1 | Mo | 1 | " | | 107.04 |
| Geo Duryea | " | Fulton | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 103.67 |
| J Gilbert | " | Clinton & Grenwich | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 77.75 |
| J Bremner | " | Catharine | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 62. |
| J M. Devoy | " | 3 Markets | " | 1 | " | 1 | " | | 58.50 |

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| S Fleet | Clk. | Centre | Market | 1 | Mo | 1 Feb. | $56.75 |
| R Smith | " | Franklin | " | 1 | " | 1 " | 41.06 |
| J Martine | " | Tompkins | " | 1 | " | 1 " | 36. |
| J Seaman | " | Manhattan | " | 1 | " | 1 " | 31. |

Wm P Slasson & B Robinson sunday services 11th Wd 7 days each to 1 Jany 21.

Wm D. Hughs do do 14th Ward 11 days each 1 Jany 16.50

J M, Devoy peace officer night 31st Decr..... 3.

Saml Judd 60 Casks Oil..... 3248.50

G Snethen Light. Lamps & stopping gas 1 Mo 1 Feby. 1790.44

R Provoost. painting &c Lamps & Gas Lights 1 " 1 " 89.45

Peter Ritters 3 barrels Oil..... 78.09

G. Coutant rent of ground for Engines No 2 & 19. in Eldridge St. 1 Year 1 Feb..... 50.

H Layman &c Setting Lamps Posts &c 1 Qr 1 Feby..... 62.28

H Cochran filling 18 Lots on Prince Sullivan & Thompson Sts. Lien ..... 77.54

[242] T Cummings act. pavg. 8th Avenue frm 13th to 21st St 950.

G Lovett atty. for J Rile acct widg sidewalks Elizabeth St. & repairing carriage way frm Walker to Grand..... 150.

T Cummings. acct regulg. 19th St. fm 8 to 9th Avenue..... 250.

R Pettigrew Acct. repavg William St frm Maiden Lane to Pine St..... 200.

T Cummings Acct pavg. 21st St. frm 8th to 9th Avenue..... 150.

T. Cummings acct pavg 13th St. fm 5 Avenue to Greenwich Lane ..... 150.

S Fargay acct repavg. Stone St. & buildg Sewer from Broad towards William St..... 140.

S Fargay " " Eldridge fm Division to Hester Sts. 100.

P Smith pavg. sidewalks Henry near Gouverneur St..... 41.85

Wm Gee posting bills for St. Comr &c 1 Qr 1 Feb..... 23.25

R Graves St. Comr acct expenses lands & places..... 100.

J Fleming Treasr to pay Interest City Stock 1 Q 1 Feby. on acct..... 4000.

Benj Ferris rent for court 9. 11 Wards 1 Qr 1 Feb..... 25.

C Huntington conveyg a prisoner from Albany to this City approved by Finance Committee..... 57.50

Balance..... 346.18

The Board then adjourned to meet on Monday the 14th February at 5 O'Clock P. M.

[243] In Common Council. February 10th 1831.

(Special Meeting)

Present. The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President.

| Aldermen | Assistants. |
|---|---|
| Anthony Lamb | Jonathan Seymour |
| George D. Strong | William Mandeville |
| William Seaman | David Bryson |
| Benjamin M. Brown | Henry Arcularius |
| James N. Wells | Peter S. Townsend |
| Bernard J. Meserole | Joseph W. Beadel |
| David Marsh | John Rogers |
| Gideon Lee | John Lovett |
| James Palmer | Philip W. Engs. |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor stated that a Communication had been made to him from the Agent of the Commissioners of the Alms House that a Mr Tallman proprietor of a Lot of Woodland on this Island would dispose of the same at a moderate price and at the present period of scarcity [244] of fuel he thought it worthy of consideration and he had summoned this Meeting.

After some deliberation it being understood that the Proprietor asked $3.5$\frac{5}{100}$ per Carman's Load for the wood standing on the ground.

A Motion was made to adjourn and it was carried in the Affirmative.

And the Board was adjourned until Monday next at 5 O'Clock P. M.

[245] In Common Council February 14th 1831.

(Adjourned Meeting)

Present. The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President.
Richard Riker. Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants. |
|---|---|
| Peter J. Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arculatius |
| Geo D. Strong. | Peter S. Townsend |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M. Brown | Joseph W. Beadell |
| James N. Wells | John Rogers |
| Bernard J Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| David Marsh | Fyler Dibblee |
| Gideon Lee | Peter Cooper |
| James Palmer | John Lovett |
| Thomas T. Woodruff | Philip W. Engs. |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor stated that he had received from the Secretary of State [246] a Law passed by the Legislature at the present Session entitled "An Act relative to Collectors of the City of New York" which was directed to be put on file.

The Mayor also presented *the* a Communication from the Managers of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, offering a supply of Lackawana Coal for Public use which was referred to the Special Committee on that subject of which Alderman Stevens is Chairman.

The Mayor also presented the following which was referred to the Special Committee of which Alderman Stevens is Chairman—That John Martineau will deliver on the Wharf this week and next. Hickory wood at $4. per load. Oak wood at $3¼ per load, 100 cord of each.

Another offer of 11 acres of wood 6 Miles from City Hall at $1½ per load standing in the Woods.

A Communication from [247] Henry M. Western Attorney for Enrice Causici Sculptor relative to his claim for making a Colossol Statue of General Washington at the desire of the Common Council in 1826, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Andrew Smith for remuneration for damage sustained in the loss of his Horse and Harness in Peck Slip in consequence

of said Slip being out of order was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of Henry Dalton for a reduction of his personal Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of John R. Peters and others for the establishment of a Hay Scales at Tompkins Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants praying that a Law may be passed by the Legislature authorizing the Common Council to pass Ordinances to cause [248] Assessments to be made and collected for the boring for water the same as for digging for Wells and erecting Pumps therein was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A Petition of Benjamin Hilton to renew a Lease of a Lot of Ground in Chatham Street and Tryon Row was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John R. Peters and others to have the Jurisdiction of Assistant Justices Courts extended to causes of One Hundred Dollars and Justices to act for the County and to increase the Districts was read and referred to the Law Committee.

A Petition of Archibald M. Allerton to Lease Lots of Common Lands near the 5th & 6th Avenues between 50th & 100th Streets, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[249] A Petition of the Trustees of the Northern Dispensary for their Annual Donation for the year 1831. was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Joseph D. Smith to be appointed Wood Inspector. Also of Elisha Jones for the appointment of Wood Inspector in the place of Mr Hunt, were read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of S. & R. M. Blackwell for an extension of the Lease of Hell Gate Ferry or other remuneration for loss sustained in consequence of the Boat being stopped &c was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Philip Hart Junr and others for permission to erect a shed or Wood House on Pier No 1 East River was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

A Petition of John Gelston praying that Thirty fourth Street may be [250] opened was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Report of the Committee on Common Schools relative to an additional Tax for the support of Common Schools presented on

the 24th January last and made the order of the day was called up and read in the words following.

The Committee on Common Schools, to whom was referred the Memorial of the Public School Society.

Report:

That this Society applied to the Common Council two years ago, for a half mill on the dollar of the taxable property of this City for Common Schools; that several thousand citizens, generally heavy payers of taxes made a similar application, and that but one eighth of a mill was then granted. The Memorial now under consideration, prays that grant then made, may be increased to the half mill then asked for.

[251] The sum proposed to be raised, added to the monies now raised will still be less than the amount raised and disbursed by some neighbouring Cities for the same purpose considering respective means and numbers.

The extensions of a Common School education to all classes of society, seems essential to the cintinuance and well being of our Civil and Political Inst[it]utions and we find several thousand of our children still unschooled.

The contemplated improvements and embellishments of the Park, demand the removal of Public School N° 1; it must be replaced by a New School House in the vicinity. The recent burning of School House N° 12, leaves seven to nine hundred children without any school, it should be rebuilt speedily; and such has been the rapid increase of people in the upper and Eastwardly wards, that three other new houses are this moment imperiously required. The cost of the five Buildings which ought if possible to be erected the ensuing season will be about sixty thousand dollars—the Committee therefore offer the following [252] Resolution

Resolved; That application be made to the Legislature in the recess of this Board to pass a Law granting a discretionary power to the Common Council annually hereafter to assess and collect a tax of three eights of a mill on the dollar of all taxable property in this City, in addition to any tax now authorized to be applied exclusively to the support of Common Schools.

Gideon Lee
Fyler Dibblee
David Bryson
John Rogers
Henry Arcularius.

The Law reported by them was also read amended and approved of as follows.

An Act for the further support and extension of Common *Chools* [Schools] in the City of New York.

§ I. The Corporation of the City of New York are hereby authorized in addition to the amount now required to be raised for the support [253] of Schools in the said City, annually to raise and collect by Tax upon the inhabitants thereof a sum of money equal to three eightieths of one per cent of the value of the real and personal property in the said City, or liable to be assessed therein to be applied exclusively to the purposes of common schools in the said City.

§ II All monies which shall be raised by virtue of this Act shall be and remain under the immediate and sole controul of the Common Council for the purposes named in the proceeding section of this Act.

Alderman Seaman moved that the Board now elect Justices of the 1st 2nd 3rd 4th District and of the 12th Ward to take effect at the expiration of the term of service of the present Incumbent which was agreed to. The Board accordingly proceeded to ballot for the same and on counting the Ballots the following was the result and the persons so chosen were declared duly elected.

Eber Wheaton having a Majority of Votes was elected for the 1st District.

[254] Elisha Morrell having a Majority of Votes was elected for 2nd District.

William W. Cowan having a Majority of Votes was elected for 3d District.

Charles McEwen having a Majority of Votes was elected for 4th District.

John Doughty having a Majority of Votes was elected one of the Justices for the 12th Ward.

On Motion it was Resolved (there being no opposition) that David M. Cowdry be chosen Clerk of Justices Court 1st District. that George Betts be chosen Clerk of Justices Court 2nd District, and that James Lozier be chosen Clerk of Justices Court 4th District. And the persons so chosen were declared duly elected.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the qualifications of Electors presented the following Report with the proposed draft of a Law as follows.

The Committee on [255] Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Resolution of Alderman Lamb and Stevens in relation to Elections,

Respectfully Report:

That by the amended charter which goes into operation in April next, it is declared: That all the provisions now in force, in regard to the notification, duration and conduct of the election for Members of Assembly, and in regard to the appointment, the powers and duties of the Inspectors holding the same, shall apply to the Annual Election for Charter Officers.

This provision in the charter cannot in the opinion of the Committee, extend to the form of the oath to be administered to a challenged elector, that being the test of his qualification to vote, and has nothing to do with the manner of conducting the election, or the powers granted to the inspectors for that purpose

In order to show that when the Legislature declared that the provisions of the Election Law, in relation to Members of Assembly, shall extend to Charter Elections of this City, they did not intend to prescribe the oath to be taken by electors [256] for Members of Assembly, as the one to be taken by electors of Charter Officers. It will only be necessary to refer to former acts, where the phraseology has been the same, when the qualifications of the electors for the respective officers were different, and when the oath required of the electors, as a test of their qualifications were also different.

The Act entitled an Act altering the time of electing charter officers in the City of New York passed April 11th 1815 changed the time for holding the Charter Elections, from the third Tuesday in November to the last Tuesday in April which was the same day on which the General Election was held, and it declares in relation to the Election for Charter Officers, that such election shall be notified, held and conducted by the same Inspectors, in the same manner and with the like powers as the election for Members of Assembly.

At the time of the passing of this Act, the qualification of [257] an elector for Members of Assembly, was, that he possessed a freehold of the value of fifty dollars, or had rented a tenement of the yearly value of twenty-five dollars and had paid taxes; and the qualification of an elector for Charter Officers, was that he was a freeholder, a freeman, or rented a tenement of the yearly value of twenty-five dollars and had paid taxes; and the oath which the said electors were respectively required to take, was in conformity to thes[e] qualifications.

After the adoption of the new Constitution of this State, an Act was passed in 1822 which changed the qualification of electors for Charter Officers, and made it the same as that for Members of

Assembly, and directed the election for Charter Officers to be held on the same day, and by the same Inspectors &c, as for Members of Assembly; consequently the oath prescribed for the electors of the one, was applicable to either and no special oath was required for electors for Charter Officers.

The Election Law of 1822 and the oath prescribed by it which oath required that the elector, should swear that he had done Militia duty, or paid taxes, [258] and which was applicable as well to electors for Charter Officers as to electors for Members of Assembly, remained in force until the last amendment to the Constitution, extending the right of suffrage, and in conformity with such extension, an Act was passed April 7th 1827, regulating elections which prescribed an oath to be taken by a challenged elector in conformity with such extension, which oath was to be taken by all persons offering to vote for any of the officers enumerated in said act which officers were Governor, Lieuten[an]t Governor, Senators, Representatives in Congress, Members of Assembly, Sheriffs, Coroners, Clerks of Counties, including the Register and Clerk of the City and County of New York and no others.

No provision being made in this Act for the Election of Charter Officers, it follows of course that the oath prescribed in it cannot be administered at such charter Election, and the only oath which can be so administered, if any, must be the [259] oath recognized by the Act of 1822, which required the elector to swear that he had done militia duty, or paid taxes; and it is questionable whether this oath will now ap[p]ly to the case, inasmuch as it is at variance with the provisions of the last amendment of the Constitution.

The Revised Statutes make no provision for the case, and as many illegal votes are undoubtedly offered at our polls.

The Committee are of opinion that it is necessary that an application should be made to the Legislature on this subject and have reported a bill, embracing the form of an oath, to be taken by electors of Charter Officers, when challenged as being unqualified to vote at our Charter elections which they are of opinion ought to be adopted.

Gideon Lee
James Palmer
James N. Wells.

The project of the Law was as follows:

If at any Election for Charter Officers in the City of New York, either of the Inspectors shall suspect that any person [260] offering to vote at such Election, is unqualified for that purpose, or if any person entitled to vote at the same Poll shall challenge such person

offering so to vote, as being so unqualified, the Board of Inspectors or either of them shall declare to the person so challenged or suspected, what are the legal qualifications of an Elector, and if such person shall still claim his right to vote at such Election, and the challenge shall not be withdrawn, one of the Inspectors shall then tender to him the following oath.

You do swear or affirm, that you are a citzen of the United States, of the age of twenty one years, and that you have been an Inhabitant of this State for one year, next preceding this Election, and for the last six months a resident of this County, that you actually reside in this Ward, and that you have not voted at this Election, and that you have not come or removed into this ward, for the purpose of voting in the same [261] at this Election; and further, that you will true answers make to such questions as shall be asked you by the Inspectors of this Poll, touching your qualification as an Elector of this Ward.

And if such person shall refuse to take the oath so tendered his vote shall be rejected, and if any person shall be guilty of wilful and corrupt false swearing, in taking such oath or affirmation, every such person shall be adjudged guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury, and upon conviction thereof shall suffer the punishment provided by Law, in cases of wilful and corrupt perjury.

The question being taken thereon the Report was agreed to and the draft of the Law was approved of.

The Resolution presented by Alderman Stevens on 24th January last on the subject of the supply of Water to the City and of the proceedings of the Manhattan Company therein, made the order of the day was called up and read and after some discussion it was moved that the Board when they adjourn do adjourn to Thursday next at 5 O'Clock to take the same [262] into consideration and that the Resolution in the mean time lie on the table which was agreed to.

The Report of the Finance Committee on the Memorial of the Managers of the New York Female Asylum for Lying in Women presented on 10th January and laid on the table was called up read and adopted in the words following

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Managers of the New York Female Asylum for Lying-in Women, praying for pecuniary aid,

Respectfully Report:

That from the statement made to this Committee, on behalf of this Institution, as well as the contents of the Memorial, it appears

that this charity was founded about seven years ago, by the exertions of benevolent individuals and has been since sustained by private subscription and donations. Its object is to provide for females of [263] good moral character, but destitute of the necessary comfort, an Asylum, in which their wants may be properly attended to during their confinement by child-birth. For about three years a connexion existed between this Institution and the New York Hospital, and by an agreement with the governors of the latter establishment, accommodations were provided there for a certain number of patients, of this discription; this connexion being broken off the Managers of the Lying-in Asylum hired a building and have afforded relief therein to as many patients as their income would permit, but finding that in this way their us[e]fulness was comparatively limited they determined to make an effort to obtain means of erecting and furnishing a proper building in which relief could be afforded on a more extended scale. For this purpose between $6 and 7000 has been collected by private subscription which have been applied towards the purchase of ground and the erection of a suitable building. This has been accomplished and the Managers have now sufficient room to accommodate from Fifteen hundred to two thousand patients [264] in a year but they are incumbered by a debt of about five thousand dollars incurred in the undertaking, and are still in want of additional furniture for the establishment.

Under those circumstances they ask the Common Council for aid and the Committee do not hesitate to recommend it should be extended to them. They are satisfied that with small means this Institution has already done much good and that it promises to be of permanent and extensive usefulness if properly sustained by the community.

Under all the circumstances the Committee are of opinion that a donation of fifteen hundred dollars should be made to the applicants out of the City Treasury, and they submit therefore the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller report a warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the New York Female Asylum for Lying-in Women for $1500. as a donation from the Common Council to that said Institution.

(signed)
[265] William Seaman
Gideon Lee
Benjamin M. Brown.

The Report of the Committee on Public Offices on the Memorial of the Governors of the New York Lying-in Hospital presented on the 29th November last and laid on the table was called up read and amended and adopted in the words following.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the memorial of the Governors of the New York Lying-in Hospital

Report.

That they have had the said Memorial under consideration and that one of the Governors of the Hospital has been before your Committee for the purpose of explaining the objects of the Institution and the assistance prayed from your Honorable Body

It appears that the New York Lying-in Hospital was incorporated in the year seventeen hundred and ninety nine. That the funds of the Hospital arise entirely from charitable donations of our citizens.

The sum received at first not amounting to much more than three thousand dollars [266] the Governors were unable to establish an independent Institution and therefore entered into a temporary connection with the New York Hospital. From circumstances unnecessary now to detail but not through the solicitation of the Lying-in Hospital, that connection has been broken off for two or three years.

The Governors of the Lying-in Hospital represent that by a careful management of their funds and through the increased anxiety of our citizens to see the establishment prosper resulting in farther donations they have been enabled to increase their funds to about seven thousand dollars. They farther represent that with the increase of their funds their hopes of being useful to the poorer class of Citizens and to the unfortunate have increased also. They now propose to adopt a plan which with moderate assistance they think will be successful and which will afford relief to every individual wanting assistance from the institution; and they apply with great confidence to the Corporation for this assistance because they propose [267] to relieve the City Treasury from the expense attending the care of an entire class of the poor. They ask of the Corporation the gift of a lot of land fronting on White Street on the Northerly side thereof adjoining the lots granted by the Corporation to the City Dispensary to be fifty two feet in breadth in front and fifty feet in the rear and of the same depth as the lots granted to the Dispensary—being part of the land heretofore granted by the Corporation to the people of the State of New New York as long as it shall be used for Military purposes lying in the 6th Ward. On this lot they propose erecting a convenient building

similar to the Dispensary lately built on the adjoining lot and to divide the City into convenient districts: to appoint physicians to each district: and others to attend at the establishment, to have out door patients and in door patients and to afford assistance to every Female whose situation may require the aid of the charity, without making an enquiry excepting as to her immediate wants.

The Governors further represent that after having made every enquiry and heard the objections of some they are of opinion that no situation can be selected more con- [268] venient for locating the institution they propose than the one mentioned.

That it will be near the Dispensary they consider a strong argument in its favor, an examination has convinced them that no position will, on the whole be more convenient for the objects of charity and the officers superintending it.

Having weighed the Memorial and the representations which have been made to them taking into consideration that the City is destitute of an establishment upon a plan so extensive, and having in view the important objects of this that besides great distress, the loss of many lives may be fairly attributed to the want of such an institution: that its establishment will free the City Treasury from a heavy burthen, and from the expense of taking care of many who are now sent to the Alms House: that the object of the Governors is *sot* [not] only disinterested and humane but of general concern; that our fellow citizens have manifested their approbation of the plan by [269] liberal donations; that the poor and distressed of the City, without exception are to receive the aid they want, and the Governors offer all their funds for the erection of a suitable building only asking the lots on which to put it. Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted and offer for the consideration of the Board the following resolution,

Resolved, That it be referred to the Counsel of the Board to prepare an application for a release of said lot of land, and upon such release being obtained that the same be granted to the Governors of the New York Lying-in Hospital, on condition that a building be erected on said lot with in two years from the date of such grant for the purpose aforesaid and that it be authenticated in the recess of the Board.

Anthony Lamb,
David Bryson,
James N. Wells,
Thomas Jeremiah.

Mr Townsend Chairman of the Special Committee on the subject of Hospital money paid by Seamen arriving in the Port of New York presented a report which was [270] laid for further consideration and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Counsel presented a Report stating that the Supreme Court had confirmed the Report of the Commissioners of Assessment on widening Market Street between Harman and Division Streets and Beekman Street between Park Row and Theatre Alley was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature presented a Report on the subject of Wharves & Wharfage which was Laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Police Committee on the Petition of John Wark presented the following Report in his favor which was adopted.

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of [271] John Wark for an allowance of pay as a Marshall

Report;

That Mr Wark the Petitioner has been a Marshall for the last twenty eight years, and by the arrangements to reduce the number of Marshalls attending court,, he was left out; Mr Wark has always been considered an upright, honest man, he is now in great affliction and distress, and your Committee offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Comptroller report a warrant in favor of John Wark for Twenty five dollars.

Samuel Stevens,
Jon[a] Seymour,
W. Seaman,
Peter J. Nevius.

The Police Committee on the Petition of the Rev[d] Edward Mitchell, Isaac Carow and John V. B. Varick for permission to remove the Remains of deceased relatives for Interment within the interdicted limits presented the following Report.

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of the Reverend [272] Edward Mitchell, Isaac Carrow and John V. B. Varick for permission to disinter and reinter the remains of their deceased Relatives.

Report:

That the facts are truly set forth in their respective Petitions hereunto annexed, and the Committee recommend the following Resolution.

Resolved, that permission be granted the above Petitioners agreeable to the prayer of their respective petitions

Samuel Stevens,
Jon[a] Seymour,
Peter J. Nevius.

M[r] Engs moved to insert the name of Augustus Nicholl a Petitioner for a similar permission which was agreed to—The question was then taken on the Report and Resolution as amended and Aldermen Palmer having called a Division the same was c[a]rried in the affirmative the Members voting as follows

Affirmative Alderm[n] Nevius, Stevens, Lamb, [273] B M. Brown. Wells, Marsh, Woodruff. M[r] Seymour, Mandeville, Bryson, Townsend. Scott, Beadel, Rogers, Jeremiah, Dibblee, Cooper, Lovett. Engs. 19.

Negative Alder[n] Palmer, Strong. 2

Board adjourned until Monday next 21[st] February at 5 O'Clock P. M.

[274] In Common Council February 17[th] 1831.

Adjourned Meeting

Present. The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Alderman | Assistants. |
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| Samuel Stevens | Jonathan Seymour |
| Isaac Brown | Henry Arcularius |
| Anthony Lamb | Peter S. Townsend |
| George D. Strong | William Scott. |
| William Seaman | John Rogers |
| Benjamin M. Brown | Thomas Jeremiah |
| James N. Wells | Fyler Dibblee |
| David Marsh | John Lovett |
| Gideon Lee | Philip W. Engs. |
| James Palmer | |
| Thomas T. Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor stated that the special business to be taken into consideration and for the consideration of which the Board had adjourned [275] to this time was the Resolution presented by Alderman Stevens on the subject of introducing pure and wholesome water into the City and of the conduct of the Manhattan Company in relation thereto.

Alderman I. Brown stated he had a petition from a number of Brewers complaining of the ill quality of the Manhattan water in

their business, which he requested might be read, which was agreed to. It was accordingly read and laid on the Table

The subject was then taken into consideration and after considerable discussion Mr Jeremiah presented the following resolution.

Resolved; That the Counsel to the Board prepare a Memorial to the Legislature setting forth the wants of the City in relation to a full and ample supply of water as necessary for the safety of the City against Fire, and to be of a pure and wholesome quality as necessary for the preservation of the health and lives of our fellow Citizens; and enable the Corporation to raise by loan as sum not exceeding 500.000. dollars for the purpose of procuring an ample supply of pure & wholsome water.

A further discussion ensued when it was informally agreed that a special Meeting should be held on Thursday [276] next to resume the consideration of the subject.

The Comptroller presented a Balance Sheet and an Estimate of Receipts and Expenditures for 1831, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Board Adjourned.

[277] In Common Council February 21st 1831.

Present. The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen. | Assistants. |
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| Peter J. Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D. Strong | Peter S. Townsend |
| William Seaman | William Scott. |
| Benjamin M. Brown | Joseph W. Beadell |
| James N. Wells | John Rogers |
| Bernard J. Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| Gideon Lee | Fyler Dibblee |
| James Palmer | Peter Cooper |
| Thomas T. Woodruff | John Lovett |
| | Philip W. Engs. |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Communication was received from the Reverend John Stanford accompanied with a statement of a census [278] made by him of the Humane and Criminal Institutions of the City which was referred to the Committee on Jail and Bridewell with authority to cause such part to be printed as they shall judge advisable.

The Annual Report of the Bank for Savings for the year 1830 was received and ordered to be filed.

The Monthly Return of Persons confined in the City Prison was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of the National Academy of Design to Loan from the Corporation the Portraits of General La Fayett Mr Van Buren & Revd Mr Stanford for their next annual Exhibition was read and referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

A Petition of Charles Wayland to be relieved from the payment of the Annual Rent of his Water Grants of grounds situate between [279] 58th & 60th Streets on North River was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Beekman & Johnston and others owners and occupants of Property in Broad Street to have a flood gate or some other improvement whereby the rise of the water may be excluded from the sewer was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Garrit Cronkright to have a sum of money paid by him on a suit for selling Liquor without License refunded to him was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Suffern & others to have John Street widened from Broadway to Pearl Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Isaac Brewster, John R Willis, David Kipp, William Lyon, George Lovett, L. & T. Seymour and Thomas L. Ogden, severally for reduction of payment of their respective Taxes, were read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

[280] A Petition of the President Directors & Co. of the Tradesmens Bank to have the question of the decission of the Board in relation to their Application to be relieved from Tax submitted to the Judges of the Supreme Court was read and referred to the Law Committee.

A Petition of Jonas Chandler and others Lamp Lighters for compensation for services performed by them was read and referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition of Nicholas W. Stuyvesant, and others owners of 4000 Lots and upwards lying between 3d & 23d Streets 1st Avenue and Avenue D praying for the better regulation of that part of the City was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William & James L Hunter for permission to inter the body of their deceased Mother in the vault under the Presbyterian Church in Pearl Street was read and laid on the Table.

[281] A Petition of James Rile for Money due him for widening the sidewalks of Duane Street between Augustus and Cross Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Members of Fire Engine Company N° 44 for a Bell on their Engine House was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

A Petition of James H. Haws to be remunerated for a Stall taken in taking down Old Spring Street Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Communication from the Attorney of the Board stating that a suit had been commenced against P. W. Engs for selling liquor without License it was admitted by the Defendant that the only ground of difference was that the demand of $1,^{5}\%_{00}$ directed by Law to be demanded on Grocers Licenses, was unconstitutional and he had therefore refused to pay it. and the Attorney requested directions whether the case should be submitted on that ground only. Whereupon the subject was referred to the Counsel and Attorney.

[282] A Petition of Platt Conklin of Suffolk County Long Island for reimbursment of expenses incurred in defending a suit brought by the Corporation against him and discontinued relative to Market Laws, was read and referred to Market Committee.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen which was read the resignations accepted and appointments made. Vizt;

Fire Engine Co

N° 2.

Aaron O. Gardiner—Gilder 11 Division Street
William Tyson—
Letter Carrier Hester cor. Forseyth
} To fill Company

N° 9.

William T. Livingston—Carver 38 Beaver Street To fill Company

N° 11

John M^cDougall—Baker 111 Cherry Street To fill Company

N° 13.

Oliver H. Taylor J^r—Shoemaker 210 William St.
V^c Chas. J. Hubbs Resig^d

[283] George D. Ingersoll—Accountant 70 Oliver Street
To fill Company.

N° 15

Christian Stamler—N° 175 Elizabeth Street. To fill Company.

N° 17

George W. Day—Cooper 335 Water Street. To fill Company.

N° 24

Thomas H. Hawkes—Carpenter 390 Broome St.
Vc Jas Anderson Resigned.

N° 25

William Higbie Junr—Tobacconist 2 Pelham St. To fill Company.

N° 41.

William Loid—Lock Smith cor. Attorney St.
Vc Elias Dob. Brower Resd.

Hook & Ladder Co.

N° 1.

Rynier Veghte—Merchant. 46 Pearle Street. To fill Company.

Hose Co. N° 1.

William C. Taylor—Merchant cor. Peck Slip & South St
Vc John E. Cammyer time expd

John N. Squire—Merchant cor. Water & Market St.
Vc Chas. A. King Deceased.

[284] The City Inspector presented the following report of Ordinances for correcting sundry nuisances.

The City Inspector respectfully reports the following ordinances for correcting nuisances Vizt.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N° | 1 | Augus Wynkoop | owner | | N side | North Street | Lots |
| " | 2 | Henry Feltus | " | 160 | Orange | Street, | Privy |
| " | 3 | John Thompson | " | 158 | " | " | " |
| " | 4 | Mary Mason | " | 156 | " | " | " |
| " | 5 | Alfred Walker | " | 79 | " | " | " |
| " | 6 | Thomas Mooney | " | 85 | " | " | " |
| " | 7 | Edward Logue | Lessee | 97 | " | " | " |
| " | 8 | Do. Do. | " | 99 | " | " | " |
| " | 9 | T & D. Jones | Owner | 119 | " | " | " |
| " | 10 | Pat. Murphy | Lessee | 146 | " | " | " |
| " | 11 | Thomas Mook | owner | 147 | " | " | " |
| " | 12 | W & G Post | " | 117 | " | " | " |
| " | 13 | Elizabeth Wheeler | " | 115½ | " | " | " |
| " | 14 | Do Do | " | 115 | " | " | " |
| " | 15 | William Mook | " | 89 & 91 | " | " | " |
| " | 16 | William Mooney | " | 48 | Chatham | " | " |

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| No | 17 | William Mooney | owner | 50 | Chatham | Street, | Privy |
| " | 18 | Do. · Do | " | 52 | " | " | " |
| " | 19 | Mary Ta[l]bot | " | 149 | Orange | " | " |
| " | 20 | Peter *Amyar* [Aymar] | " | 9 | Beekman | " | " |
| " | 21 | B. L. *Woodley* [Woolley] | Executor | 85 | Hester | " | " |
| " | 22 | [285] John Blyer | owner | 206 | Division | " | " |
| " | 23 | John Dick | " | 161 | " | " | " |
| " | 24 | Sam[l] Kidder | Occupt. | 547 | Grand. | " | " |
| " | 25 | Whitehead Hick[s] | owner | 336 | " | " | " |
| " | 26 | Wm McVeagh | Occupt. | 109 | Division | " | " |
| " | 27 | Joseph Graham | owner | 2 | North | " | " |
| " | 28 | John Harrison | " | 184 | Chape[l] | " | " |
| " | 29 | Do. Do | " | 182 | " | " | " |
| " | 30 | Dufaud & Vaillant. | " | 176 | " | " | " |
| " | 31 | Francis Childs | " | 170 | " | " | " |
| " | 32 | Daniel Fish | " | 166 | " | " | " |
| " | 33 | Isaac Styles | " | 150 | " | " | " |
| " | 34 | Samuel Dixon | " | 142 | " | " | " |
| " | 35 | Robert Salor | Occupt. | 132 | " | " | " |
| " | 36 | James H. Welch | Lessee | 120 | " | " | " |
| " | 37 | Mary Baxtor | owner | 32 | Leonard | " | " |
| " | 38 | Do. Do. | " | 114 | Chapel | " | " |
| " | 39 | G. H. Britter | Lessee | 112 | " | " | " |
| " | 40 | Mary Baxter | owner | 110 | " | " | " |
| " | 41 | T. *P.* [F] Popham | Lessee | 108 | " | " | " |
| " | 42 | Do. Do | " | 106 | " | " | " |
| " | 43 | Thomas B. Moore | owner | 102 | " | " | " |
| " | 44 | John R Livingston | " | Chatham cor Anthony | | " | " |
| " | 45 | Edward Haines | " | 96 | Chapel | " | " |
| " | 46 | Chas A Briggs | " | 90 | " | " | " |
| " | 47 | Widow Tiebout | " | 35 | Thomas | " | " |
| " | 48 | Jeremiah Wood. | " | 80 | Chapel | " | " |
| " | 49 | [286] John Nichols | " | 78 | " | " | " |
| " | 50 | Thomas Platt | " | 72 | " | " | " |
| " | 51 | Corns Timpson | " | 70 | " | " | " |
| " | 52 | Miles Hitchcock | " | 34 | " | " | " |
| " | 53 | Widow Johnson | " | 68 | " | " | " |
| " | 54 | Mary Brownhill | " | 97 | " | " | " |
| " | 55 | John Cropsey | " | 99 | " | " | " |
| " | 56 | Chas McCoon | " | 101 | " | " | " |
| " | 57 | Thomas *P* [F] Popham | " | 105 | " | " | " |
| " | 58 | Edwd Elmendorf | " | 107 | " | " | " |
| " | 59 | John Johnson | " | " | " | " | " |
| " | 60 | Wm & G. Post | " | 109 | " | " | " |
| " | 61 | Mary Baxter | " | 115 | " | " | " |
| " | 62 | Do. Do | " | 39 | Leonard | " | " |
| " | 63 | Mary Clark | Lessee | 123 | Chapel | " | " |
| " | 64 | Peter Winant | owner | 125 | " | " | " |

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| No 65 | Peter Hull | owner | 135 | Chapel | Street, | Privy |
| " 66 | D Mersereau | " | 137 | " | " | " |
| " 67 | Mary Scheaffer | " | 139 | " | " | " |
| " 68 | Benj. B. Pearson | " | 169 | " | " | " |
| " 69 | John C Tucker | " | 175 | " | " | " |
| " 70 | John Morse | " | 4 | Lespinard | " | " |
| " 71 | Philip Colgan | Lessee | 30 | Spruce | " | " |
| " 72 | James Moore | owner | 115 | Mulberry | " | " |
| " 73 | Wm McElvaine | " | 119 | " | " | " |
| " 74 | A. Wilson | Lessee | 89 | " | " | " |
| " 75 | Jacob Shutzell | owner | 33½ | Chapel | " | " |
| " 76 | [287] Jacob Shutzel | " | 63 | Warren | " | " |
| " 77 | C. H. Dall | " | 39 | Chapel | " | " |
| " 78 | Elizabeth Glover | " | 47 | " | " | " |
| " 79 | Steph. Lozier | " | 62 | " | " | " |
| " 80 | Stephen C. Brown | " | 181 | Duane | " | " |
| " 81 | Ann Morris | " | 79 | Chapel | " | " |
| " 82 | Do. Do. | " | 81 | " | " | " |
| " 83 | Do. Do. | " | 83 | " | " | " |
| " 84 | Anthony Tiebout | " | 91 | " | " | " |
| " 85 | | | | Ninth Street. | | Lots. |

I Warren
City Inspector

Which were read and passed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Vzt.

For repaving Hester Street from Forsyth to Norfolk Street and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

For repaving Coenties Slip Easterly side from Front to South Street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For fencing in 18 Lots on Prince, Sullivan & Thompson Streets and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

He also presented Returns of Delinquents on the Assessments—For opening 5th Avenue from 13th to 21st Street. For flagging sidewalks in Barrow Street [288] between 6th Avenue and McDougal Street—For repaving William Street from Pearle to Duane Street—Whereupon Warrants were directed to issue to Thomas Cottrell the Collector thereof.

The Mayor stated that he had been served with process issuing out of the Supreme Court at the suit of the Managers of the House of Refuge to recover the money paid by the Grocers and Tavern Keepers of $1.5\%_{00}$ additional duty and of sums paid by Proprietors of Theatres & Circuses under the late law of the State—Whereupon the subject was referred to the Law Committee.

The Committee on Cleaning Streets presented the following Report together with the accounts of the Superintendant of Cleaning Streets from 1st January 1830 to 1st January 1831.

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| The Committee on Cleaning Streets present their Report; of the expenses for cleaning Streets from the 1st January 1830. to 1st January 1831 by which it appears that the expense of cleaning streets has been $22,234.56 Collecting Coal ashes $2000. Carts employed on Public Grounds $223.43. Superintendants Salary $1500. Deptv Supt Do eight Months $666.64. making a total expense of ..... | $26,624.63 |
| During the same period there [289] has been sold Manure and Kitchen garbage amounting to..... | 26,620.55 |
| | $4. 8 |

Your Committee are of opinion that collecting Coal ashes, and the work done on Public grounds ought not to be debited to the Department, as the Superintendant informs the Committee that the Stock on hand of Horses Carts &c have in previous reports been reduced at or below their cost so that no deterioration can be sustained by their use therefore the above sum should form a credit, leaving a Balance in favor of the Deputy of. $2219.35.

The Committee having discovered several errors and omissions in the Deputy Superintendant's Accts of missing certificates; Receipts for money received and not credited &c deemed it important to have those accts closed to effect which they were compelled to send to a great many of the purchasers of Manure to examine the[i]r receipts, and certificates, and after much fatigue and labor, they have found vouchers, by which it appears that Mr C. Dobbs has received monies and not credited on his Books making him deficient to the Corporation $1436:94 exclusive of his Bond given in Septr last for $1720:40 making a Total of $3157:40 from all the circumstances it is considered proper to place these claims in a train of settlement they therefore offer the following Resolution.

[290] Resolved: that the papers establishing the claims of this Board against Mr C. Dobbs be placed in the hands of the Counsel of the Board for collection

Wm Mandeville,
Isaac Brown,
Geo. D. Strong,
Jona Seymour.

Which was approved and the Resolution referred to the Counsel of the Board.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the Comptroller on subject of Annual Tax Law presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Comptroller's communication r[e]lative to the annual tax law. beg leave to

Report:

That application should be made to the Legislature for the passage of the usual act, authorizing the Supervisors to raise the necessary amount by tax for the City expenses for the ensuing year; And that Four hundred and fifty thousand Dollars should be the amount to be thus raised being the same sum that was similarly applied for at the last session. That the Act to be thus [291] applied for should provide that the same sum be apportioned as follows viz. $250,000 upon the whole City and County and $200.000 upon that part lying within the Lamp and Watch District or south of a line beginning at the East River at the centre of 14th Street to the centre of the 6th Avenue, thence Northerly thro' the centre of the 6th Avenue to the center of 21st Street and thence along the centre of 21st Street to the North River. The Committee offer the following Resolution.

Resolved: that the Counsel prepare the necessary application with a Draft of a Law conformable to this report and that such application be authenticated during the recess of the Board and forwarded for preservation to the Legislature.

W. Seaman,
Benjamin M. Brown,
G. Lee,
Peter J. Nevius,
Anthony Lamb.

Which was approved.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Waddell for renewal of Lease of Lot of ground corner of Catharine Lane & Elm Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee respectfully report on the above Petition of Samuel Waddell applying [292] for the renewal of a Lease for the Lot of Ground at the corner of Catharine Lane and Elm Street, the following resolution; that on the payment of the arrears of rent to

the 1st inst., the Petitioner may continue to hold the premises for one Year from the 1st day of May next at the present rent of $120.

W. Seaman,
Benjamin M. Brown.
G. Lee.
P. J. Nevius,
A. Lamb.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Philip J. Arcularius for permission to assign Lease of Lot N° 6 Main Street Brooklyn to Isaac S. Snedacor presented the following Report

The Finance Committee to whom was referred on the 7th inst. the Petition of Philip J. Arcularius asking leave to assign a Lease granted to Thomas W. Birdsall and assigned to him, of a lot of ground N° 6 on Main Street, Brooklyn, to Isaac S. Snedacor respectfully Report; the following resolution

Resolved that the consent of the Common [293] Council is given to Philip J. Arcularius to assign the Lease before mentioned to Isaac S. Snedacor, and that the Comptroller to authorized to make the said transfer

W. Seaman,
Benjamin M. Brown,
G. Lee,
P. J. Nevius,
Anthony Lamb.

W[h]ich was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the application of the Trustees of the Northern Dispensary for their Annual Donation presented the following Report in favor of the same:

The Finance Committee respectfully report the following resolution on the above Petition.

Resolved: that Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of John Groshon Treasurer of the Northern Dispensary, for Two hundred Dollars, the same amount as was granted to them on the 31st of May, 1830.

W. Seaman,
Benjamin M. Brown,
G. Lee,
Peter J. Nevius,
Anthony Lamb.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[294] The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition of Silas Ludlam for the Office of City Surveyor presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition of Silas Ludlam to be appointed to the Office of City Surveyor Respectfully Report:

That they are satisfied with the qualifications of the Applicant, and of his abilities to perform the duties of a City Surveyor and therefore recommend that he may receive the appointment he solicits—and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That Silas Ludlam be appointed to the office of City Surveyor.

B. J. Meserole,
Peter J. Nevius,
John Lovett.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Street and Finance Committees to whom was referred the Petition for widening Hoboken Street presented the following report:

The Joint Committees on Streets and Finance to whom was referred the Petition to have Hoboken Street widened by adding thereto [295] thirty feet of the Public grounds on the Northerly side thereof,

Respectfully Report;

That they have had the subject under their deliberate consideration and are of the opinion that the request of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted—that the Public interest requires a more convenient and ample communication to, and from that Ferry, it having a direct intercourse with an already dense population of a large section of our City and with one of the Public Markets—the present width of Hoboken Street being altogether too narrow and inconvenient for a Street leading to a Public Ferry—Your Committee deem it expedient and proper that thirty feet of the Public grounds on the Northerly side of said Street should be appropriated for the purpose of widening it to sixty feet—they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, that Hoboken Street be widened to sixty feet—by [a]dding thereto Thirty feet of the public grounds on the Northerly

side thereof from Washington to West Street and that the same be carried into effect from and after the first day of May next

Geo. D. Strong,
Anthony Lamb,
Benjamin M. Brown,
Peter J. Nevius,
G. Lee,
Jno. Rogers.

[296] A motion was made to lay the same on the table which was lost. After some discussion the motion was renewed and again negatived—The question was then taken on approving the report and adopting the Resolution and a Division having been called by Alderman Palmer the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative. Mr Recorder, Alderman Nevius, Stevens, I. Brown, Lamb, Strong, B M. Brown, Lee, Mr Seymour, Bryson, Arcularius, Townsend, Beadel, Rogers, Jeremiah, Dibblee, Cooper. 17.

In the Negative. Alderman Wells, Palmer, Woodruff Mr Mandeville, Scott, Lovett, Engs, 7.

So it was carried in the Affirmative, Aldm [297] Palmer gave Notice of reconsideration at the next regular meeting of the Board.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Counsel stating that the Supreme Court had confirmed the report of the Commissioners in case of widening Market Street from Harman to Division Street and of Beekman Street at the Park presented the following report.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed communication of the Counsel to this Board, that the Supreme Court at their late sittings had confirmed the report of the Commissioners, in the several cases of widening Market Street from Harman Street to Division Street and of Beekman Street at the Park—and that it remained with the Common Council to determine at what time the widening of the said Streets should be carried into effect.

Respectfully Report:

That in their opinion the widening of said Streets ought to be respectively delayed until the first day of Ap[r]il next, and the Buildings and incumbrances removed therefrom on or before the fifteenth day of May next following—and accordingly submit the following resolution.

Resolved, that the widening of Market Street between the late Harman Street and Division Street and of Beekman at the Park,

be respectively delayed until the first day of April next and that the Buildings and incumbran- [298] ces be removed therefrom by the fifteenth day of May then next ensuing.

Thomas T. Woodruff,
John Lovett,
Geo. D. Strong,
William Scott,
Jno. Rogers.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the 11th Ward relative to Boring for Water presented the following report in favor of the same together with the Draft of a Bill to be enacted into a Law by the Legislature at their present Session—the same having been read the Draft submitted was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Petition from several Inhabitants of the Eleventh Ward praying to have a Law applied for authorizing the boring for water instead of digging wells in certain parts of the City.

Respectfully Report:

That the Petitioners represent that they are suffering for the want of pure and wholesome water [299] and that digging for water in that [part] of the 11th Ward known as Stuyvesant's Meadows is of no use. The Committee are of opinion that it might be found advantageous to bore for water in other parts of the City as well as that in which the Petitioners reside; and as it is doubtful whether the existing laws respecting Wells and Pumps would apply to boring for water, so as to authorise Collecting the expences thereof by Assessment, your Committee are of opinion that a Law should be applied for, specifically authorizing the same proceedings in respect to the expences of such boring as are now provided for by law in cases of Wells and pumps. They have caused such a law to be prepared and they submit the following resolution therewith.

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Board prepare the necessary application to the Legislature for the passage of the said law and that the same be authenticated in the usual mode during the recess of the Board and be forwarded without delay.

G. Lee,
Joseph W. Beadel,
James Palmer,
Fyler Dibblee.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of William Cowan to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax presented the following Report against the same.

[300] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of William Cowan for relief from an erroneous Tax.

Respectfully Report:

That Mr Cowan appeared before the Committee and testified that he was taxed on personal property in the 1st Ward on $3000. and that the same did not exceed $500. in Value. Mr Cowan admitted that he was in Town during the period that Assessors Books were open and that he negl[e]cted to call and examine the same. He further stated that he was taxed erroneously for the Year 1829, and that the Common Council afforded him relief. As Mr Cowan is an old citizen perfectly acquainted with our Laws, and, as he experienced the same difficulty last year, the Committee are of opinion that he has not used due diligence in attending to his own Interest and do not consider him entitled to relief. They submit the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Geo. D. Strong,
Henry Arcularius,
William Scott,
Thos Jeremiah,
Jons Seymour.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[301] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of E. Barker to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of E. Baker to be relieved from an erroneous personal Tax.

Respectfully Report:

That Mr Baker testified that he was Assessed on $5000, for his personal property in the 3d Ward, whereas he was not worth more than $2000. in personal Estate. He further testified that he was in Town during the period that the Assessors Books were open, but that he had last May moved into the City, and that being a Stranger; he was totally unacquainted with the Laws governing assessments. As the recent removal of Mr Baker in this City, warrant the conclusion that he erred from a total ignorance of our Laws. The Committee believe him entitled to the desired relief.

They offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the personal Tax of E. Baker N° 82 Chamber Street in the 3d Ward be reduced from that on $5000. to that on $2000.

Geo. D. Strong,
Henry Arcularius,
William Scott,
Thos Jeremiah,
Jona. Seymour.

[302] Which were approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition [of] Elizabeth Lasellas for relief from the payment of an erroneous Tax presented the following report against the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Lasellas for relief from an erroneous Assessment,

Respectfully Report:

That Mrs Lasellas made application to be relieved from an Assessment for opening Asylum Street, which she stated was exorbitant and unjust.

As the Assessments for opening Streets are not subject to the Supervision of the Common Council and as in the case of Mrs Lasellas the Supreme Court have confirmed the Assessment, the Committee are satisfied that the Board can in no way interfere, They offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

Geo. D. Strong,
Henry Arcularius,
William Scott,
Thos Jeremiah,
Jona Seymour.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[303] Upon the recommendation of the Street Commissioner Thomas Cottrell was appointed Collector of the Assessment for widening Market Street between Harman and Division Streets and John Hanmer for the Assessment for widening Beekman Street at the Park.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jacob Stamler, John B. Smith & John Fash for transfer of Stalls presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Jacob Stamler, of John B. Smith and of John Fash for the transfer of Stalls.

Respectfully Report:

That they are accompanied with the necessary transfers and also with the usual certificate of Qualifications, or are known to your Committee to possess them—they accordingly offer the following for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved; That a Butchers Licence be granted To Christian Stamler Junr for Stall No 44 Fulton Market To William P. Varian for Stall No 20 Centre Market To Arnest Fink Junr for Stall No 7. Centre Market.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin M. Brown,
W. Seaman,
Jona Seymour,
B. J. Meserole.

[304] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the petition of Asa W. Wasson for return of Purchase money of Stall No 4 Tompkins Market presented the following report against the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Asa Wasson,

Respectfully Report:

That the petitioner sets forth that in purchasing a Butchers Stall No 4 Tompkins Market his anticipations have not been realized, but on the contrary the business he has heretofore done at that Market will not give him that support the situation of his family demands, & therefore wishes the Corporation would refund him the amount he has paid for the said Stall, this in the opinion of your Committee would establish very bad precedent, & ought not to be made, they accordingly offer for the consideration of the Common Council the following,

Resolved, that in the case of the Petition of Asa Wasson, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the said petition.

respectfully submitteed

Benjamin M. Brown
W. Seaman
Jona Seymour
B J. Meserole.

[305] Which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Fire Department to whom was referred the subject of locating Engine N° 8 in the vicinity of Essex Market presented the following Report in favor of the same and recommending certain persons as members of said Company in addition to those now attached.

The Committee on Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Essex Market to have a Fire Engine placed in the vicinity, Also of Robert W. Piggott & others to be organized into a Fire Company to be placed as above, also of the members of Engine Company N° 37 to have their location together with a petition of Walton and others that they may be located as above, and also two petitions of Horatio N. Walker, Foreman of N° 8, beg leave Respectfully to Report:

That, in the opinion of your Committee a Fire Engine is much wanted in that section of the City, that it would be improper to remove N° 37 from its present location, viz in Christie Street near Stanton Street, but that Fire Engine N° 8, heretofore placed in the building in Tryon Row opposite to " Sessions' Hall," is rendered almost useless from the fact of there being but three members belonging to the said Machine, and there is but little chance of their being able to fill up in the immediate vicinity of three other Fire Companies, that the noise & tumult attending alarms [306] of Fire and the necessary congregation of large numbers of men and boys have long been complained of and is well known to the Common Council, by the Removal of one of the Fire Engines the evil complained of will be in part abated and the Fire Engine will be removed to the vicinity of a thickly inhabited section of our City, where Firemen can at all times be had, the Committee would further State that M$^{r}$ Elijah F. Purdy on the corner of Broome & Ludlow Street has generously offered the use of his Building until a more convenient one can be obtained, the Committee annex to this Report a list of Eighteen persons who have organized themselves and will become Firemen in case the Board should deem proper to appoint them, they therefore offer the following resolutions for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved, That Fire Engine N° 8, be located in the vicinity of Essex Market and that the Committee on the Fire Department be empowred to carry this resolution into effect.

Resolved, that in addition to the three persons who are now Firemen attached to Fire Engine N° 8, that the following be appointed Firemen to the same, viz.

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| Robert W. Piggott, Upholsterer | N° 102 East Broadway | 7 | Ward |
| Charles R. Pearsall Cabinet Maker | " 23 Catharine Street | 7 | " |
| [307] Mathew M^cBeath Shoe Maker | 32 Orchard Street | 10 | " |
| John T. Butt Willow Basket Maker | 68 D° " | 10 | " |
| Henry Usted Carpenter | 162 Eldridge " | 10 | " |
| Isaac Morrow Turner | 99 Allen " | 10 | " |
| Edward D. Drummon Carpenter | 30 Hester " | 10 | " |
| James M^cCulley Baker | 99 Allen " | 10 | " |
| William Tappen Willow Basket Maker | 74 Division " | 10 | " |
| Alfred Jones " " " | 74 D° " | 10 | " |
| James Bonnett J^r Grocer | 30 Hester " | 10 | " |
| William Weed Shoe Maker | 34 Orchard " | 10 | " |
| James Ryan Carpenter | 45 Forseyth " | 10 | " |
| Robert Coles J^r Dry Goods | 18 Bleecker " | 9 | " |
| John G. C. Lord Carpenter | 28 Hamilton " | 4 | " |
| Samuel Holmes " | 17 Norfolk " | 10 | " |
| Joseph Parker Carman | 134 Clinton " | 13 | " |
| Dennis Cornell Carpenter | 235 Broome " | 10 | " |

respectfully Submitted

Benjamin M. Brown,
James Palmer,
William Scott,
Jno. Rogers,
P. W. Engs,
Samuel Stevens.

Which was approved and the resolution adopted and said persons were appointed.

[308] The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition from Andrew Smith for payment for his Horse lost in Peck Slip presented the following report against the same.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips to whom was referred the annexed Petition from Andrew Smith for payment for his Horse, lost at Peck Slip, by backing off the Middle Pier

Respectfully Report:

That from the evidence before the Committee it appears that M^r Smith the Petitioner, had purchased the Horse five days previous to the accident and was driving him then for the first time, that he was going on the middle Pier at Peck Slip to purchase Hay &^c at this time a Horse and Cart was standing on the Pier in such a way as left merely

sufficient space for another to pass by, Smith was in the act of passing when his Horse became frightened by the other attempting to bite him, and which caused him to back off the Dock. the backing piece as stated by the Superintendant of Wharves is now 6 inches above the dirt on the Pier and is as high as the backing pieces generally are, your committee under these circumstances are of opinion that the corporation are in no way bound to make good the loss sustained by Mr Smith, and offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That it is enexpedient [309] to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

John Lovett,
Isaac Brown,
Peter J Nevius,
Anthony Lamb.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Philip Hart Junr for permission to erect a Shed on the Pier No 1 East River presented the following Report against the same.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Philip Hart Junr for permission to build a shed on the Pier at White Hall.

Respectfully Report:

That the petitioner Mr Hart is one of the proprietors of a Steam boat Company at Whitehall, and is desirous of being permitted to erect a Shed on the Pier occupied by them, for the purpose of sheltering their Wood from the weather, as well as securing it from dep[r]edators who infest our wharves; after mature deliberation your Committee have come to the conclusion that it would be hig[h]ly improper to grant permission to erect a building of that kind on the Pier at Whitehall, or on any other of our Piers, and therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

John Lovett,
[310] Isaac Brown,
Peter J. Nevius,
Anthony Lamb.

Which was approved [and] the resolution adopted.

Mr Engs presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolved; that the Comptroller be d[i]rected to Report to this Board at their next Meeting the Items of appropriation on which the Tax for 1831 is predicated and whether it is not necessary to apply for authority to raise a larger sum than $450.000

Mr Townsend presented the following which passed in the Negative

That the Committee on the subject of the Tax upon the Seaman of this Port be authorized and directed to print such additional papers and Documents in connection with their report as they may deem of importance to be offered to the consideration of this Board.

The Comptroller presented the following report of Cash account.

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| Balance as per acct. 7th inst | $346.18 |
| Recd. for Streets | 17650.10 |
| " " Tax of 1831 | 14.800. |
| " " [311] Rents | 7.932.29 |
| " " Street Manure for January | 2.207.75 |
| " " ½ Lottery Licenses | 875. |
| " " Justices Courts | 464.29 |
| " " Wells & Pumps | 183. 1 |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 14.12 |
| " " Commutation Alien passengers | 11. |
| | $44.483.74 |

60 Accounts audited and directed to be paid.

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| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st | $1392.12 |
| Astin & Field " 2d | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring " 3d | 1043. |
| G. N. Bleecker Comptroller 1 Qr Saly. 15 Feby | 450. |
| Jacob P. Roome Super. Repairs 1 " " 14 " | 300. |
| Isaac Warren City Inspector 1 " " " " | 200. |
| N Dean Clerk City & County Sundry Charges for year 1830 | 534.37 |
| A. B Martling to pay bills for Celebration 25th Novemr 1830 &c orderd 7 Feb | 178.94 |
| J Morton Clerk C. C. for Hack & Postage accts | 10.75 |
| Jas Lozier Clerk Justices Courts 7. 10. 13 Ward 1 Qr 1 Feby. | 187.50 |
| Jas Hopson Special Justices 1 Qr Salary 12 Feby. | 400. |
| J W. Weyman " " " " " " | 400. |
| O. M. Lounds " " " " " " | 400. |
| R. Stephens Clerk Police Office " " " " | 312.50 |
| E. Hicks Asst " " " " " " " | 200. |
| R Hatfield Clerk Sessions " " " " | 500. |
| R Hatfield " " amt paid Witnesses 1 Qr " " | 69. |

[312] Geo. B. Raymond for Officers serving subpeonas 1 Qr 1 Feby 292.
J. Fleming Treasr Amt pd Witnesses ordered by Court. " " 50.
Abm G. Mayer Attending Court of Sessions as Witnesses or[d]ered 7 F[eb] 50.
John Wark Donation Ordered 14. Feb 25.
John M. Bloodgood Super. Streets Expenses 1 Mo 1 Feby.. 1027.93
S. Miller Public Administrator 1 Qr Saly. 1 Feby 312.50
P. Van Pelt Printing 1 Qr 1 Feby 542.12
Christopher Keys Acct. regulg. 7th St. fm 1st to Avenue A order'd 7 Feb. 5000.
B. McCafferty " " 6th St. " Do Do 2500.
T. Cummings bal. regulg. 18th Street fm 8th to 9th Avenue. 659.74
T. Cummings regulg. 9th Avenue fm 16th to 18th Street.... 641.42
T Cummings act pavg. 13th Street fm 5 Avenue to Greenwich Lane 500.
P. Smith act. pavg. James Slip fm Cherry to Water Street. 300.
T Cummings Act. pavg 13th Street fm 3 to 5th Avenue.... 170.
P Smith act repavg. William St fm Pearl to Duane St.... 150.
T. Cummings act. pavg. 8th Avenue fm 13th to 21st Street.. 150.
G Lovett acct. pavg. Lewis fm 2d to 4th Street 100.
R Pettigrew bal. pavg. 6th Street fm 2d to 3d Avenue..... 70.50
S Fargay bal. for sewer & pavg. Stone St. fm Broad towards William St 16.07
S Fargay repairs intersections & accepted Streets 14 Ward 1087.48
J Pollock " " " " 8 " 415.33
J Pollock " " " " 9 " 181.92
P. Smith " " " " 4&7 " 85.65
Thos Brownell 1st payt. for Iron pumps In Wells 167.67
D Harron for Well King Street St betw McDougal & Varick St 29.80
D Harron bal. for Well Willet near Broome St 21.75
[313] J McBarron 1st payt Well 10th Street near Bowery.. 20.31
P McGlin bal for Well 14th Street near 6th Avenue 27.50
J. P Roome Super. repairs for Fire Department 559.
J. P. Roome " " " Repairs 552.
J. P. Roome " " " Markets 466.
J. P. Roome " " " Docks & Slips 290.
J. P. Roome " " " Pumps 290.
Treasr New York Female Asylum for Lying in Woman ordered 14th Feby 1500.
Saml F. Mott Treasr Public School for ½ Lotterey Licences 16 Oct. & 12th Feby. 1875.
Saml F Mott " " " Annual Payment 1500.
Cors J. Roosevelt Clk issuing Carmen's Licenses 17 days 29.75
David W. Ostrander " " " " 29.75
John L. Cragier " " " " 29.75
I A Isaacs inspecting Carts " 25.50

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| J. M Collins serving subpeoneas for Dist. atty. ordered by Finance Comittee | 10. |
| J Fleming Treasr to pay interest City Stock 1 Qr 1 Feb. bal. | 4750. |
| A Burtis Super Alms House for Alms House | 10.000. |
| Balance | $430.12 |

The Board then adjou[r]ned to Monday next 28th inst. at 5 O'Clock P. M.

[314] In Common Council February 28th. 1831.

(Adjourned Meeting)

Present. The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President.
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder.

| Aldermen | Assistants. |
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| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| Geo. D. Strong | Peter S. Townsend |
| William Seaman | Joseph W. Beadel |
| Benjamin M. Brown | John Rogers |
| James N. Wells | Thomas Jeremiah |
| Bernard J. Meserole | Fyler Dibblee |
| David Marsh | Peter Cooper |
| Gideon Lee | John Lovett |
| James Palmer | Philip W Engs. |
| Thomas T. Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Thomas Stokes and others Executive Committee of the Magdalen Society for permission to place a Matron in the Female Peniten- [315] tiary at their own expense and suggesting improvements for the reformation of unfortunate Females was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Memorial of Thomas Hertell to commute Quit Rent on Block or parcel of ground bounded by Washington, Chamber, West and Reed Streets was referred to the Finance Committee.

Recommendation of a number of persons in favor of appointing Elisha Jones an Inspector of Fire Wood was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Memorial of the Trustees of the Public School of New York was presented remonstrating against the section of the Bill sent for enactment to the Legislature under the title of " An Act for the further support and extension of Common Schools in the City of New York "

which places the sum to be raised under said Law, under the Controul of the Common Council and requesting the said section be stricken out and that the Section reported by the Committee placing the same under the control of the Society may be restored, which was read and referred to the Committee on Common Schools.

A Petition of Anthony Dey to remove the remains of the late Mrs Mary Laidlie and inter them in [316] the family Vault in the North Dutch Church—also of Dr William McIntosh to remove the remains of his Daughter and Grand Child to the family Vault in Gold Street were read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Communication from A. Higgins against the practice of drawing Engines on the side walks was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

A Petition of a number of Merchants praying that the Common Council may protest against the Legislature appointing a Measurer General of Grain in this City was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A Petition of the Members of Engine Company No 42 for a new Engine was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

A Petition of John Jacob Astor to have an error corrected in the Assessors Book of the 11th Ward was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

A Petition of Robert Cochran to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[317] A Petition of Bernard McCafferty for payment of certain sums due him on contract for filling in and regulating 6th Street between First Avenue and Avenue A was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of John Street against widening the same was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of J. Davenport to be appointed Weigh Master of Tompkins Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John Harris for Transfer of Stall No 40 Washington Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Owners and Occupants of property in Broad Street to improve the Sewer in said Street was read and referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of the Butchers of Fulton Market to have the rent of their Stalls reduced was read and referred to the Market Committee.

Upon Motion of Alderman Stevens the subject of his Resolution

relative to supplying the City with water [318] which was the order of the day was called up—It was agreed to divide the Resolution into three parts the first part was taken into consideration and was read as follows.

Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board prepare a Memorial to the Legislature sitting forth the wants of the City in relation to a full and ample supply of water as necessary for the safety of the City against fire, and to be of a pure and wholesome quality as necessary for the preservation of the health and lives of our fellow Citizens.

Mr Townsend read a Communication from the New York Lyceum in reply to a Letter from him to the President of that Institution requesting information as to the source, quantity and quality of the water of this Island which was read and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

Alderman Strong presented the following.

"That it be referred to a Special Committee of Five to make such experiments as may by them be deemed proper in various parts of this Island for the purpose of ascertaining whether an adequate supply of good and wholesome water cannot be procured, which Committee shall report to the Board the nature and extent of their operations, with their opinion as to the prospect of success, if such supply cannot be found on this Island that a further power be given to said Committee to make the requisite surveys to introduce water from distant sources.

Resolved, that Dollars be appropriated [319] to carry into effect the foregoing Resolution and that the above Committee have power to accomplish the same.

Mr Townsend presented the following to be added as an amendment. Provided nevertheless that nothing herein contained shall be construed to mean that this Common Council wish to prevent the Manhattan Company from enjoying Banking privileges.

The Mayor decided that the question should be first taken on the Resolution then under consideration before that proposed by Alderman Strong. The question was accordingly taken thereon and a Division having been called the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Alderman Nevius Stevens I. Brown Lamb B. M. Brown Wells Marsh Lee Palmer Woodruff Mr Mandeville Seymour Bryson Arcularius [320] Townsend Beadel Rogers Jeremiah Cooper Engs 20.

In the Negative. Mr Recorder Alderman Strong Mr Dibblee Mr Lovett 4.

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

The second Division of the Resolution was then read in the words following.

"And further setting forth *the* that the Manhattan Company although Chartered in the year 1799 for the express and apparently sole purpose of furnishing the City these inestimable blessings, have not in the opinion of the Common Council complied with the conditions of their Charter and stating that under such circumstances it has become necessary for the Corporation to do that which the Manhattan Company have failed to perform. And that there exists powers in the Act relating to this Company, authorising them to take by process of Law all streams of Water and to divert Water courses from their natural chanels, and also in like manner to possess themselves of other property: which powers the Manhattan Company have wholly failed to use, therefore asking a repeal of the said powers now vested in said Company and the vesting exclusively all such powers for the purpose aforesaid in the Corporation of the City of New York.

[321] Considerable debate arose thereon when Alderman Palmer demanded the previous question which was agreed to and all further debate being prohibited the question was taken on the second division of the Resolution and the Ayes and Noes having been called the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Alderman Nevius Stevens Lamb B M Brown Wells Lee Palmer Woodruff M[r] Seymour Mandeville Bryson Arcularius Townsend Beadel Rogers Cooper Engs. 17

In the Negative Alderman Strong Marsh M[r] Jeremiah Dibblee Lovett 5.

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The third Division of the Resolution was the[n] read as follows "And further enabling the Corporation to raise by Loan a sum not exceeding Dollars for introducing an ample supply of pure and wholesome water."

[322] The Question being taken thereon and the Ayes & Noes being called it passed in the Negative the Members voting as follows.

In the Affirmative. Al[d] Nevius Stevens Lee Palmer M[r] Seymour Bryson Townsend Cooper 8

In the Negative. M[r] Recorder Al[d] Lamb Strong B M Brown Wells Marsh Woodruff M[r] Mandeville Arcularius Beadle Rogers Jeremiah Dibblee Lovett Engs 15

The Question was then taken on the Report as amended and a Division being called it was carried in the Affirmative the Members voting as follows.

In the Affirmative Ald Nevius Stevens Lamb B M Brown [323] Wells Lee Palmer Woodruff Mr Seymour Mandeville Bryson Arcularius Townsend Beadle Rogers Jeremiah Cooper Engs 18

In the Negative Mr Recorder Ald Strong Marsh Mr. Dibblee Lovett 5

Mr Dibblee gave Notice that he would move for a re-consideration of the Vote on the two first Divisions of the Resolution at the next Meeting of the Board.

The notice of Re-consideration given by Alderman Palmer respecting Hoboken street at the last Meeting was continued to the next Meeting of the Board.

It was moved and agreed that when the Board adjourn they would adjourn to meet on Thursday next 3d March at 5 OClock.

[324] Alderman Palmer presented the following Resolution which was referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be authorized to carry into effect the regulating and paving of Ridge and Attorney streets from Division to Broome Street.

The Board then adjourned to Thursday next 3d March at 5 OClock.

[325] In Common Council March 3d 1831

(Adjourned Meeting)

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
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| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D. Strong | Peter S Townsend |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M Brown | Joseph W Beadle |
| James N Wells | John Rogers |
| David Marsh | Thomas Jeremiah |
| Gideon Lee | Fyler Dibblee |
| James Palmer | Peter Cooper |
| Thomas T Woodruff | John Lovett |
| | Philip W Engs |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Davis Hunt Senr to be appointed Inspector of Fire Wood in the place of James Hunt if he should be removed, was read and [326] referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

The Draft of a Law amending the present Law relative to Assistant Justices Courts in this City was presented and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A Petition of Anna Collister for permission to Inter the remains of her Brother & Sisters in a Vault was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of the Corporation of the United German Churches for permission to remove certain remains of the Dead from the Vault under the Church corner of Frankfort & William streets to their ground in Rose street was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Moses Q Wood to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Jonathan Knapp & others Cartmen to have the Streets cleared of the Ice & Snow was read and referred to the Committee on Cleaning streets.

[327] A Petition of Henry Resler for permission to transfer Stall N° 10 Essex Market to Jacob Patterson was read and referred to the Market Committee.

Alderman Nevius presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

Resolved that the Lamp Committee be requested to place a suitable number of Lamps on the Battery.

Alderman Strong presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on cleaning Streets.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on cleaning streets with power to employ a number of Labourers to break up the Ice in those streets which are the greatest thorough fares and which are most dangerous to Vehicles passing through the same.

Alderman Lamb presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Law Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to the Law Committee to enquire whether any and what [328] Measures ought to be taken by this Common Council in relation to the suit commenced against this State by the State of New Jersey in the Supreme Court of the United States for determining the Boundary line between the said States.

M^r^ Townsend presented the following Resolution which was read and Laid on the Table.

Resolved that a Special Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing for the use of the Common Council a

Library of such Books of standard and practical utility as may be necessary as Books of referrence for the deliberations of this Board.

Mr Cooper presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Law Committee.

Resolved that a Special Committee be appointed to inquire and Report to the next Meeting of this Board the present state of the controversy between the State of New York and the State of New Jersey in relation to the Jurisdictional lines or Boundaries and what measures if any the City Government ought to adopt in the premises.

[329] Mr Dibblee agreeably to notice given at the last Meeting, moved that the Board now re-consider their Vote at the last Meeting upon the Resolution of Alderman Stevens respecting supplying the City with pure and wholesome water—After some discussion, the question was taken "Will the Board re-consider the Question," and it passed in the Negative.

The Special Committee on the Resolution of Alderman Stevens to confer with the Commissioners of the Alms House on subject of supplies of fuel & Provisions given out to the Poor during the late inclement Season presented a Report which was Laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

Alderman Strong moved that the Board now take into consideration the Report presented by the Committee on Applications to the Legislature on 7th February and Laid on the Table on the Resolution presented by him respecting bringing the Election of the Mayor directly to the People.

Debates arose thereon, and on the Question of taking the same into consideration, and a Division being called it was carried in the Affirmative the Members voting as follows.

[330] In the Affirmativee. Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Stevens I Brown Lamb Strong Seaman B M Brown Marsh Palmer Mr Seymour Mandeville Arcularius Rogers Jeremiah Dibblee Engs 17

In the Negative. Ald Wells Lee Woodruff Mr Bryson Scott Beadle Cooper Lovett 8

The Report was then read in the words following.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Resolution of Alderman Strong calling for an enquiry into the expediency of bringing the Election of the Mayor of this City, directly to the People—Report.

That as the Resolution proposes a [331] material change in the recently amended Charter, the Committee have examined the question with much deliberation, that such change will first require an Amend-

ment to the Constitution of the State. That the framers of that Instrument, have purposely made any, the slightest change, difficult and of tedious process.

It must be passed in the Affirmative by two successive Legislatures, and once passed in the Affirmative by the People of the State in their Annual Election.

That in the opinion of this Committee, the People are the most proper authority to make the application required. That any Amendments to the Charter, proposed by the Common Council, and particularly, affecting the Elections or organization of this Body, have been heretofore discountenanced by the People, and finally that however desirable or beneficial, the proposed change might be found in practice, any interference of this Common Council unsolicited by the People, might endanger the success of the measure

The Committee offer the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient at this time to make application to the Legislature, for any alteration in the Constitution of the State or of the Charter of this City.

G Lee
James Palmer
[332] Joseph W Beadel
James N Wells

After considerable discussion Alderman Palmer moved the previous Question which being sustained the Question was taken on the Report of the Committee and a Division having been called the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Wells Lee Woodruff Mr Bryson Scott Beadle Jeremiah Cooper Lovett 10

In the Negative Ald Nevius Stevens I Brown Strong B M Brown Marsh Palmer Mr Seymour Mandeville Arcularius Townsend Rogers Dibblee Engs 14.

So it passed in the Negative—Mr Recorder gave notice that he would move for a re-consideration at the next Meeting of the Board.

Alderman Strong then presented the following Resolution.

[333] Resolved that it is expedient at this time to make application to the Legislature to take the necessary steps to have the Constitution of the State so altered that the Mayor of this City may be elected hereafter by the People.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board prepare a Memorial to the Legislature praying them to carry the above Resolution into effect

and that the Mayor authenticate the same during the recess of the Board and forward it to the Legislature.

Mr Townsend presented a Resolution extending the Provisions of the Resolution to the other Cities of this State, which was Laid on the Table,

After some discussion the Question was taken on Alderman Strongs Resolution, and the Ayes & Noes having been required the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Ald Nevius Stevens Strong B M Brown Marsh Palmer Mr Seymour Mandeville Arcularius [334] Townsend Rogers Dibblee Engs 13

In the Negative Mr Recorder Ald Wells Lee Woodruff Mr Bryson Scott Beadle Jeremiah Cooper Lovett 10

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Board Adjourned to Monday next at 5 O Clock.

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# MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

MARCH 7, 1831 TO MAY 9, 1831

[1] In Common Council March 7th 1831

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen. | Assistants. |
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| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D Strong | Peter S Townsend |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M Brown | Joseph W Beadle |
| James N Wells | John Rogers |
| Bernard J Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| David Marsh | Fyler Dibblee |
| Gideon Lee | Peter Cooper |
| James Palmer | John Lovett |
| Thomas T Woodruff | Philip W Engs. |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Approved.

The following Letter was received from Arthur Burtis Esqr Superintendent of the Alms House and one of the Commissioners of the Alms House

[2] To the Honorable the Mayor Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York

Gentlemen

Desirous of giving up my present charge as Superintendent and Commissioner of the Alms House, An opportunity is offered in tendering my resignation to express to your Honorable Body my sincere and gratefull thanks for the kindness and attention that I have ever received from the present as well as all former boards with which I have been connected, and If I have been enabled to render any satisfaction it is principally to be attributed to the Assistance Counsel and Advice I have derived from your worthy Commissioners.

If my Resignation is Accepted, I should be pleased to vacate on the first day of May; But cannot conveniently remove my family until about the middle of that Month.

With sentiments of the greatest esteem
I remain your very humble
and Obedient Servant

Arthur Burtis.

The same being read it was Resolved that it be Accepted upon the terms and Conditions expressed in said Letter. It was further upon Motion unanimously Resolved that the thanks of this Board be presented to Arthur Burtis Esquire for his long faithful services as Superintendent of the Alms House and as Commissioner [3] of the same, and that the Clerk of the Common Council transmit to Mr Burtis a Copy of this Resolution under the Common Seal of this City.

A Letter was received from Gilbert Coutant Esqr tendering his Resignation of the Office of Commissioner of the Alms House with an acknowledgment for the Confidence which had been reposed in him to an Office of so much Responsibility—Upon Motion the Resignation was Accepted.

Alderman Meserole moved that the Board go into the appointment of Commissioners of the Alms House in the place of Arthur Burtis and Gilbert Coutant Resigned which was agreed to.

He also moved that the Board also go into the appointment of a Commissioner of the Alms House in the place of Thomas R Smith Esquire at present one of the Commissioners. Debates arose and the Question being taken thereon and a Division being called the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative. Mr Recorder Ald Seaman B M Brown Wells Meserole Lee [4] Woodruff Mr Bryson Arcularius Townsend Scott Beadle Rogers Jeremiah Cooper Lovett 16

In the Negative. Ald Nevius Stevens I Brown Lamb Strong Marsh Palmer Mr Seymour Mandeville Dibblee Engs 11

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Board then proceeded to Ballot for Three Commissioners of the Alms House, when on opening and counting the Ballots it appeared that Jameson Cox, John R Peters, and George Lovett were duly chosen.

The Board then proceeded to Ballot for a Superintendent of the Alms House when Jameson Cox was duly chosen.

The Report of the Committee on Assessments on the Petition of the Franklin Fire Insurance Company Laid on the Table on the 10th of January last was called up and read as follows.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Franklin Fire Insurance [5] Company to be relieved from Tax

Respectfully Report.

That E Tibbits Esqr President of the Franklin Fire Co appeared before the Committee and stated that the capital stock of the above

Institution was $250,000 of which amount $99,189 was invested and owned by them in stock of the "New York Gas Light C° " and that they claimed a deduction of Tax on the amount of the Gas Light C° Stock owned by them. In support of this claim, M^r Tibbits referred to the 13^th Chapter 2^d title, sec 14 of the Revised Statutes, which states that "if any person whose personal estate is liable to taxation, shall at any time before the Assessors have completed their Assessment roll, make affidavit that the value of his personal estate does not exceed a certain sum to be specefied in the Affidavit after deducting his just debts and his property invested in the Stock of incorporated Companies, liable, under this Charter, to taxation on their Capital, it shall be duty of the Assessors to value such personal estate at the sum specified in such affidavit and no more." By the 8^th Section of the 4^th Title of the 13^th Chapter of the Revised Statutes, the provisions of the above section are extended to certain Incorporated Companies named in the two preceding sections and the President Secratary, or other proper Officer, may make the Affidavit required by the said section.

From the above provisions of the Revised [6] Statutes the Officers of the Franklin Fire Insurance Company were of the opinion that the deduction claimed for the Stock of the Gas Light C° was proper and legal, and they applied to the Assessors of the Ward who consented to the deduction but their decision was reversed by the board of Assessors who refused to allow the same.

From this decision of the board of Assessors, the Officers of the Company appealed to the Common Council.

It will here be necessary to state that the above provision of the Revised Statutes, which exempts incorporated companies in certain cases, from the payment of Tax on the Stock of other Incorporated Companies held by them is introduced in the Revised Statutes for the first time, and that the application of the Franklin Fire Insurance Company may therefore be considered a pioneer case, which is intended to form a precedent for other Companies who are situated in the same manner, and who claim the like exemption.

Under this view of the subject, the Committee have solicited the advice of the Counsel of the Board, whose written opinion is hereto annexed, by which it will be perceived that while he recognizes the principle which is contended for by the Franklin Fire C° as far as relates to their construction of the two sections of the Revised Statutes above referred to that he is confident that they have failed to comply with those provisions of the Law which prescribes the form

of the Affidavits [7] to be made before the Assessors and that they are thereby legally excluded from the deduction of Tax claimed.

Taking his opinion as a correct guide, it will be perceived that if the deduction which is claimed by the above Institution is granted, that it rests solely on the ground of Lenity, and that the principle which has heretofore guided the Common Council in its decisions, on individual applications for relief from erroneous Taxes, will be overlooked or rendered nugatory. The same rule which prevents an individual from receiving relief at our hands if he neglects to attend to the advertisement of the Assessors, he being in the City, and in health, would prevent the Franklin Fire Insurance Company from succeeding in the present application; as it does not appear that the Officers of that Institution were in any way unable to make the necessary Affidavits in the proper time.

But independent of the above considerations, there is still a doubt on the minds of many individuals of judgment and experience in these matters, whether the provisions of the above quoted sections are strictly applicable to the case of the Franklin Fire Insurance C°

It is contended by the Secratary of the Board of Assessors, and was so decided by that body, that the application of the word " named " in the section which extends the privilege which is enjoyed by individuals to certain incorporated Companies is to be confined to [8] its most restricted sense, and that it solely alludes to Manufacturing Turnpike and Marine Insurance Companies, which are the only Incorporations which are designated by name.

An ingeniously written opinion was submitted by M^r^ John Leonard Secratary of the Board of Assessors who supported the views above last alluded to.

As there appears to be at least a doubt whether the construction claimed by the Petitioners in relation to the applicability of the 8^th^ Section of the 2^d^ title of the Revised Statutes to the Franklin Company is correct, and as the case is one which is hereafter to form a precedent for future decisions of the like nature, the Committee do not feel authorized to concede the correctness of the principle claimed by the Petitioners.

As however the fact of neglect on the part of the Company to submit to the Assessors such statements and Affidavits as are required by the 2^d^ Section of the 4^th^ title and the 15^th^ Section of the 2^d^ title of the Revised Statutes is apparent, and as such neglect cannot now be remedied, the Committee are of opinion that the Common Council would depart from the practice which has heretofore been established,

if they were to extend the desired relief to the Franklin Fire Insurance Company.

They offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant [9] the prayer of the Petitioners

George D Strong
Jonathan Seymour
Henry Arcularius
William Scott.

Whereupon the Report was approved and the Resolution adopted.

A Petition of John ONeil & others to have Tompkins street paved between Delancy Slip and Grand street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of the Managers of the Orphan Asylum in Prince street for a share of the Common School fund was read and referred to the Committee on Common Schools

A Petition of John L Lawrence & others to have 14th Street paved from the Bowery to the 3d Avenue, to have said street opened to the East River And also to have a part of the 3d Avenue levelled was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance of Isaac Wright & others of Frederick Shonnard & others, also of E Warner & others and of John Morss and Gideon Tucker [10] against extending Broadway to 3 Avenue near 52d Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Patrick McBarron for payment for paving side walks of Houston and Norfolk streets was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Northern Dispensary for permission to place a Cistern and an Iron Railing at their building on 6th Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Michael Burnham to have 5th Street paved from Broadway to Mercer street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Robert Pettigrew for payment of monies due on his Contract for regulating 5th Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Garret Demarest Weigher of Washington Market, for permission to sell smoaked Meat at the Weigh Scales was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[11] A Petition of the Corporation of Trinity Church for relief from the payment of an erroneous Tax on property in the 9th Ward was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of James P Allaire & others to have Front street opened and regulated was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of a number of Persons to have that part of the City called Stuyvesants Meadows regulated in conformity to the Plan submitted by Nicholas W Stuyvesant and others on 21st February last was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial of William Sterling and others owners of Private Vaults South of Grand street for a Modification of the existing Law on Interments was read and Laid on the Table and directed to be printed.

A Petition of H Anderson S Sparks & others to have Duane street re-numbered was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of E Nexen Junr for permission to remove the remains of his Son to the family Vault in William street was read and Laid on the Table.

[12] A Remonstrance of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church against widening John street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of the Female Assistance Society for the relief of sick poor Women & Children for some of the Public ground to be occupied for depositing Wood was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Edwin Smith to be appointed a City Surveyor was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of George Rapelje & others to have 36th Street opened from Fitzroy Road to the 8th Avenue, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Godfrey Kling to be relieved from the payment of a Fine for selling Meat *meat* without a Licence, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

The following Memorial was received from the Managers of the Society for the Reformation [13] of Juvenile Delinquents in the City of New York.

To the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York.

The Managers of the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile delinquents in the City of New York Respectfully represent.

That the number of children now under their care amounts to One hundred & ninety six, that since the establishment of the Charity in

1825 to this time eight hundred and fifty one children have been received into the House. That of this number more than two thirds were the children of persons chargeable as paupers to the City and County of New York.

Five hundred and fifty one have been bound out as Apprentices, One hundred and four have remained until they were of age, or returned to parents; Most of them rescued from the ignominy of Criminal punishment.

These facts are sufficient to secure for the House of Refuge the confidence and support of every benevolent Citizen. The Legislature of the State convinced of the necessity of such an institution has from time to time enacted Laws to provide funds for its support.

By the Act of April 1829 the sum of One dollar and fifty cents was imposed on every Licence granted to Tavren Keepers and others, and the sum of Five hundred Dollars on each Licence granted to a Theatre, and the sum of Two hundred & fifty Dollars [14] on each licence granted to a Circus, which sums were directed by the Act to be Collected and paid over for the benefit of the House of Refuge. Under this Law a large amount has been received by the Agents of the Common Council and retained by them for many Months.

It is proper to remind your Honorable Body that at a very early period, when objections were made to pay over the money, on the ground that the Law of the Legislature was unconstitutional, the Managers of the House of Refuge consented that the Question should be submitted to the Supreme Court of this State. The question was decided in favor of the House of Refuge by the unanimous opinion of the Court.

The opinion of the Supreme Court having been ascertained it was supposed that no further delay would take place, in the payment of the funds hitherto withheld

We regret to say that the just expectations of the Community have been disappointed.

Although the sum of 2598 dollars has been advanced by the Treasurer of the Institution out of his private purse, to provide for the inmates of the house, no disposition is manifested to appropriate the bounty of the State as directed by the express provisions of the Law.

The opinion of the Supreme Court invoked by the Common Council, is now disregarded as Authority, when that opinion has been pronounced against their [15] pretensions. We do not ask the payment of this money as a favor to be conferred. Repeated solicitation and

disappointment may well justify a demand when hundreds of Children are in want of the necessaries of life, and when the funds of private men must supply the deficiency of Public servants—There is another reason why in the present exigences no false delicacy should prevent our remonstrating in decided terms.

The Managers of the House of Refuge are agents of the State and responsible to it for a faithful dispensation of its Bounty. The Officers of the Common Council in receiving the money in question acted as Agents of the State, and having obtained the money by virtue of the Authority so conferred, are bound by every principle of Law and Justice, to distribute the funds according to the direction of their Principal.

We might repeat here what has been urged before, that this money when applied to the support of the House of Refuge will be an alleviation of suffering which the Common Council would have to provide for out of the City funds, and in a way less effective and less satisfactory to good men—Under these circumstances it would be unjust to ourselves and to the public to disguise the fact that if the amount of funds belonging to this Charity be longer withheld by the Agents of your Honorable Body, the doors of the House must be opened and a large number of children be sent back to the [16] Alms House. This measure so painful to the Managers so detrimental to the prospects of the children, so injurious to the discipline of the House, and we may add so unexpected to the Public ought to be avoided by every means within our power, And we are induced to make this further effort to prevent such a calamity. Conscious of no disrespect to the City Council by this plain statement we again respectfully ask that your Honorable Body would direct the payment of the money in question without further delay.

Cadwallader D Colden Prest [Seal]
Frederick Sheldon Secy

The same being read Alderman Stevens presented the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Mayor be requested to pay over to the Managers of the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents all the Monies in his hands which by the Law of the State were collected from the Retailers of Liquors and the Licensing of Theatres & Circuses, and directed to be appropriated for the benefit of the House of Refuge, Provided the House of Refuge engage to indemnify the Mayor and Corporation for the same.

Debates arose thereon, and the Question being taken on Adopting the Resolution, the Ayes & Noes were required by Alderman Strong the Members [17] voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Nevius Stevens Wells Marsh Lee Palmer Woodruff Mr Seymour Mandeville Beadle Jeremiah Cooper 13

In the Negative Ald Lamb Strong B M Brown Mr Bryson Arcularius Townsend Scott Rogers Dibblee Lovett 10

So it was carried in the Affirmative. Alderman Strong gave Notice of Reconsideration at the next Meeting.

The City Inspector presented a Report of the Quantity of Wood Coal & Grain, which had been Measured and Inspected for the Year 1830 which was read directed to be filed and printed for the use of the Members.

A Communication was received from Jeremiah Johnson and David Johnson in behalf of the Supervisors of Kings County relative to the support [18] of their Convicts in the Penitentiary at Blackwells Island was read and referred to the Committee on Blackwells Island.

A Petition of the President Directors & Co of the Hudson & Delaware Canal Company to be relieved from the payment of a Tax on their Capital was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Mrs Meade to occupy the Rooms in the New York Institution formerly occupied by the Academy of Fine Arts in exhibiting paintings belonging to the estate of her late husband Richard W Meade was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices & Repairs.

A Petition of Peter Aymar requesting damages may be repaired done by Engines running on Side walks in front of his premises in Nassau street was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants to have Barclay street re-paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Alderman Palmer agreeably to Notice [19] given Moved that the Board now Re-consider the Report of the Street & Finance Committees on the subject of widening Hoboken street. The Question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative, and Board refused to re-consider their decision on this subject as made on the 21st of February last.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen, the Resignations were accepted and Appointments made Vizt

Fire Engine Co

No 6.

Robert Taylor—Carpenter 152 Varick St

Vc Charles Cushing—Resigned

No 13

John S Hoag—Grocer 29 Catharine St

Vc William H Nichols—Resigned

No 15.

Jonas Dibblee—Ship Carpenter 92 Hester St to fill the Company

No 18

William Shotwell Mason 7 Minetto St

Vc Benjamin F Glean—Expelled

No 19

James Miller—Chairmaker 483 Grand St To fill Company.

[20] No 20

Alexander *M* [Mc]Farquhar Ship Joiner 584 Broome St

Vc William T Welden—Resigned

Michael Gregory Sadler 90 Broadway

Vc John Sutcliff Resigned

John R Hoole Resigned

No 25

George S Little—Tobacconnist—114 Washington St

To fill Company

No 34

Edward Moore Wheelwright 140 Sullivan St
James Whaley Grocer 4 Weehawken St } to fill Company

No 42

Jacob R Pentz—Resigned

Fire Hook & Ladder Co No 1.

Augustus Campbell—Carpenter—Stone St to fill Company

Fire Hose Co No 1

Henry L Rich—Merchant—Cr peck Slip & South St

Vc Benjn L Guion Appd Warden

Fire Wardens Co 9th Ward

John Talman Junr—Mason, Corner Commerce & Bedford St

Vc James N Gifford Time Expired

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for the Correction of sundry Nuisances.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for Correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

| N° | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1. | [21] Abner Weyman | Owner | | E side Elizabeth S[t] | Lots |
| | 2. | Peter G Stuyvesant | " | | Between 10[th] & 14[th] S[t] & 1[st] & 3[d] Avenues | " |
| | 3. | John H Shepherd | " | 87 | Mulberry S[t] | " |
| | 4. | George Lorillard | " | 73 | Forsyth S[t] | " |
| | 5. | Alex[r] M C Smith | " | 181 | Allen S[t] | " |
| | 6. | James Boggs | " | 13 | Mott S[t] | A Privy |
| | 7. | A Bundy | " | 81 | Division S[t] | " |
| | 8. | Widow Stewart | " | 62 | Church S[t] | " |
| | 9. | Patten | " | 77 | " | " |
| | 10. | Aaron Hanley | " | 96 | " | " |
| | 11. | Elenor Morton | " | 102 | " | " |
| | 12. | Rachel Hutson | " | 108 | " | " |
| | 13. | George Alcock | " | 113 | " | " |
| | 14. | George Ordronaux | " | 116 | " | " |
| | 15. | D° | " | 120 | " | " |
| | 16 | Benjamin Romain | " | 150 | " | " |
| | 17. | D° | " | 152 | " | " |
| | 18. | Mary Stewart | " | 200 | " | " |
| | 19. | Peter Lorillard | " | 234 | " | " |
| | 20. | John J Glover | " | 223 | Pearl S[t] | " |
| | 21. | Hugh Smith | " | 12 | Stanton S[t] | " |
| | 22. | Trustees of Dutch Church | " | 192 | Broadway | " |
| | 23. | Peter Sharp | " | 26 | Cross S[t] | " |
| | 24. | D° | " | 26½ | " | " |
| | 25. | Peter Morris | " | 30 | " | " |
| | 26. | Thomas Constantine | " | 34 | " | " |
| | 27. | Robert B Gordon | " | 152 | Anthony S[t] | " |
| | 28. | ]22] Cha[s] Livingston | " | 60 | Cross S[t] | " |
| | 29. | John R Livingston | " | 62 | " | " |
| | 30 | Ellen Waters | " | 86 | " | " |
| | 31. | Jane Mehin | " | 90 | " | " |
| | 32. | Peter McGown | " | 92 | " | " |
| | 33. | George McKay | " | 104 | " | " |
| | 34. | D° | | | Mulberry Cor Cross S[t] | " |
| | 35. | Moses Barniwell | " | 167 | Duane S[t] | " |
| | 36. | Mary Brownhill | " | 169. | " | " |
| | 37. | Andrew Blanck | " | 171 | " | " |
| | 38. | Stephen C Brown | " | 181 | " | " |
| | 39. | D Manger | " | 187 | " | " |
| | 40. | James Brown | " | 292 | Spring S[t] | " |
| | 41. | George Nixon | " | 235 | Church S[t] | " |
| | 42. | Thomas F Popham | " | 231 | " | " |
| | 43. | Mary Baxter | " | 167 | " | " |

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| 44. | Mary Baxter | Owner | 169 | Church St | A Privy |
| 45. | Louis Jouy | Lessee | 93 | " | " |
| 46. | John R Murray | Do | 75 | " | " |
| 47. | Thomas H Reynolds | Owner | 63 | " | " |
| 48. | Do | " | 61 | " | " |
| 49. | Cyrus Bedell | " | 205 | " | " |
| 50. | Jacob D Stagg | " | 225 | Fulton St | " |
| 51 | Henry Eagle | " | 4 | Clark | " |
| 52 | Do | " | 536 | Broome St | " |
| 53 | Do | " | 538 | " | " |
| 54 | Do | " | 2 | Clark | " |
| 55. | [23] Thomas Flender | " | 14 | Anthony St | " |
| 56. | Samuel Curtis | Lessee | 18 | " | " |
| 57. | Cornᵉ Fradenburgh | owner | 20 | " | " |
| 58. | Do | " | 22 | " | " |
| 59. | John R Livingston | " | 24 | " | " |
| 60 | Do | " | 26 | " | " |
| 61. | Do | " | 28 | " | " |
| 62. | John Elliott | " | 34 | " | " |
| 63. | Michael Van Beuren | " | 36 | " | " |
| 64. | Chaˢ Van Riper | " | 48 | " | " |
| 65. | Thomas Wales | Lessee | 54 | " | " |
| 66. | Widow Banker | owner | 43 | Thomas St | " |
| 67. | Thomas Oliver | " | 190 | Duane St | " |
| 68. | Isaac Halsey | " | 176 | " | " |
| 69 | Do | " | 174 | " | " |
| 70 | Do | " | " | " | " |
| 71. | Stephen Sherley | " | 170 | " | " |
| 72. | John Tallman | " | 168 | " | " |
| 73. | John L Martin | " | 166 | " | " |
| 74. | Thomas Blakely | " | 158 | " | " |
| 75. | Charles Baker | " | 172 | " | " |
| 76. | Richard S Williams | " | 150 | " | " |
| 77. | M *Shadray* [Shrady] | " | 142 | " | " |
| 78 | H Calam | Agent | 126 | " | " |
| 79 | George White | " | 11 | Grand St | " |
| 80 | William Wooley | owner | 126 | " | " |

I Warner City Inspector

Which were passed

[24] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Fifteenth street between Sixth and Seventh Avenues which was confirmed and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board prepare a Memorial to the Legislature to authorize the taking of the Lands & premises situated between the Bowery and Bloomingdale Roads and 15th Street, And

between fourteenth street & fifteenth street and said Bowery and Bloomingdale Roads, and also so much of the Fourth Avenue as laid out by the Act entitled "An Act making certain alterations in the Map or plan of the City of New York passed April 11th 1815 as lies Southwesterly of 14th Street and between said 14th Street and the Bloomingdale Road, and all the Land lying between the North Westerly line or side of said 4th Avenue and the Bloomingdale Road, the said Law to contain authority to take and open all the said Land and premises by one proceeding as Union Place, and the proceedings & Assessments to be made upon the principles and as for the opening of a Public place, Notwithstanding the provisions of any existing Law or Laws or the [25] pendancy of any proceeding or proceedings for opening any street or Avenue.

Resolved that the necessary papers be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for and Remonstrance against having a Well & Pump placed at the Junction of Amos and West streets presented the following Report against granting the Petition.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for, and remonstrance against having a Well & Pump placed near the junction of Amos and West streets Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion the Location is an improper one, being below the line of High water, and the prospect of obtaining good water very uncertain

They accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners.

James N Wells
John Rogers
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[26] The Aldermen and Assistant of the 9th Ward and City Inspector to whom was referred the Petition of P. & J S Crary for extension of time to fill in sunken Lots Northerly side of Perry street presented the following Report against the same.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of P. & J S Crary relative to extension of time to fill in a sunken Lot Northerly side of Perry street Respectfully Report

That no further time be granted for filling in the said sunken Lot and that the City Inspector take further measures to cause said sunken Lots to be filled in. And further that the Attorney of the Board proceed against the said Messrs Crary as the Law directs.

James N Wells
Jn° Rogers
Isaac Warren

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

A Motion was made that when the Board adjourn, they will adjourn to meet on Monday next at 5 OClock. Agreed.

Alderman Lee moved that the several Reports of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature which had not been acted on be made [27] the order of the day at the next Meeting of the Board, which was agreed to.

The City Inspector presented an Ordinance to fill in a sunken Lot Northerly side of Perry street between Factory and Assylum streets at the Public expence, Which was passed—A Lien to remain agreeably to Law for said expences.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature on the subject of an alteration of the Quarantine Laws presented a Report which was Laid on the Table directed to be printed, and made the order of the day at the next Meeting.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred an Act in relation to Assistant Justices presented a Report which was Laid on the Table, and together with the Act directed to be printed for the use of the Members and made the order of the day at the next Meeting of the Board.

The Committee on Arts & Sciences and Streets to whom was referred the Petition of William C Redfield to be permitted to lay an experimental line of Railway in Canal street presented a Report [28] which was read, Laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Committee on Arts & Sciences to whom was referred the Petition of the National Academy of Design to loan the Portraits of General Lafayettee Governor Van Beuren & the Revd Mr Stanford presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Arts & Sciences to whom was referred the Petition of the National Academy of design praying the Loan of the Portraits of General Lafayettee, Governor Van Beuren, and the Revd

Mr Stanford for the annual exhibition of that Society beg leave to Report.

That inasmuch as works of the Fine arts, can in no other manner become useful than by offering them to Public observation & inspection, the Committee recommend to the Common Council that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted on condition that the Portraits so loaned be returned after their exhibition to the room from whence they are taken.

Peter Cooper
Thos Jeremiah
P. S. Townsend

Which was Approved and Adopted.

[29] The Aldermen and Assistants of the 9th & 11th Wards to whom was referred the Petition of William L Morris and others for the removal of the 9th & 11th Ward Court presented the following Report against the same.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th & 11th Wards to whom was referred the Petition of William L Morris and others for the removal of the 9th & 11th Ward Court beg leave to Report.

That they have had an interview with the Justice and Clerk of said Court on the subject, and that said Justice and Clerk have expressed themselves against the removal, being perfectly satisfied with the present location. We are therefore of opinion that said Court should not be removed, and beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioners

James N Wells
John Rogers
Fyler Dibblee
David Marsh

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Alfred S Pell for the Division of certain Assessments on sundry Lots of ground [30] for opening 4th Street and 5th Street Avenue C and for regulating Avenue D & C presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Alfred S Pell for the division of certain Assessments.

Respectfully Report

That thirty seven Lots of ground, situated in the Block, made by Avenues C & D and 4th & 5th Streets have been assessed for opening

4th Street—For opening 5th Street, For opening Avenue C, For regulating and paving Avenue D. For regulating Avenue C And for regulating Fifth street, in the aggregate sum of $5497.$^{61}/_{100}$; That the said Assessments were made against the property in the names of Ferris Pell & Alfred S Pell, and still remain due and unpaid. That your Committee find the property to be encumbered by three separate Mortgages one for 9 Lots to the Eagle Fire Insurance Company. One for 15 Lots to the Estate of Albertson M$^{c}$Coun and one for 13 Lots to Edward W Laight; which run on lines in various ways through the Block, not agreeing with the Lines by which the Commissioners have made the Assessment, with a view of affording all the facilities in their power in the settlement of the above mentioned Assessments, which are somewhat complicated, they have caused a [31] diagram of the ground to be made (which is hereunto annexed) on which the 9 Lots Mortgaged to the Eagle Company are distinguished by the blue colour and marked with the Letter E, and they have set off against the said Nine Lots the sum of $1495 $^{94}/_{100}$ as the just and proper sum of their share of the Assessments above mentioned. Against the Thirteen Lots coloured Red and marked with the letter L which are under Mortgage to Edward Laight the sum of $1420 $^{51}/_{100}$ as their just share. And against the Fifteen Lots coulered yellow and marked with the letters A M C the sum of $2581,$^{16}/_{100}$ as their share, with interest from the days of confirmation of the Assessments respectively and the cost of advertising. That a detailed statement of the division of the Assessments agreeably (in each case) to the Mortgage lines is also hereunto appended, to which they beg leave to refer as part of their report, and respectfully recommend to the Board, *and respectfully recommend to the Board,* the propriety of dividing the above mentioned assessment, so that the parties who have an equitable interest in the same may be enabled to settle the charges on the property comprised within their respective claims and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Collectors of Assessments be and they are hereby respectively directed to receive [32] from the parties concerned the amount of Assessments due from the proprietors of the above mentioned thirty seven Lots of ground in conformity with this Report.

W Seaman.
G. Lee
Benjamin M Brown
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The following Statements are annexed to the foregoing Report.

Statement of the amount of Assessments on 15 Lots of ground partly on Avenue C and partly on 4th & 5th Streets, owned by Ferris Pell and Alfred S Pell, and now under Mortgage to the Estate of A McCoon.

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|---|---|
| For opening 4th Street 122 feet pt No 40 Commrs Map, confirmed October 16, 1826 | $545.72 |
| For opening 5th Street 75 feet pt No 35 Commrs Map confirmed October 16. 1826 | 15.75 |
| For opening Avenue C 75 feet pt 16 A—Commrs Map confirmed October 16. 1826 | 60.00 |
| For opening 4th Street 52 feet pt 42 Commrs Map confirmed October 16. 1826 | 106.41 |
| For opening 5th Street 50 feet 16 B Commrs Map confirmed October 16. 1826 | 10.50 |
| For opening Avenue C 50 feet 16 B Commr Map confirmed October 16. 1826 | 50.00 |
| [33] For opening 5th Street 48 feet No 29 Commrs Map confirmed October 16. 1826 | 147.14 |
| For paving Avenue D on 3 Lots 79. 80. 81 Assessors Map confirmed Octr 20—1828 | 15.28 |
| For regulating 5 Street on 7 Lots No 61. 62. 63 65. 66 75 & 76 Assessors Map confirmed Decr 15. 1828 | 827.30 |
| For regulating Avenue C on 7 Lots Nos 19. 20 23. 24. 59. 60. 61 Assessors Map confirmed No 9th 1830 | 803.06 |
| | $2581.16 |

With Interest from days of confirmation respectively and cost of Advertising.

Statement of the Amount of Assessments on 9 Lots of ground on Avenue D & between 4th & 5th Streets owned by Ferris Pell and Alfred S Pell, and now under Mortgage to the Eagle Insurance Company

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| For opening 5th Street 80 feet confirmed October 16. 1826 part No 35 Commrs Map | $16.80 |
| For opening 4th Street 80 feet confirmed October 16. 1826 part No 37 Commrs Map | 401.44 |
| For paving Avenue D 9 Lots Nos 91 to 99 Assessors Map Confirmed Oct 20—1828 | 821.34 |
| For regulating 5th Street 80 feet No 47 Assessors Map confirmed Decr 15. 1828 | 256.36 |
| | $1495.94 |

With Interest from the days of confirmation respectively and cost of Advertising.

[34] Statement of the Amount of Assessments on 13 Lots of ground partly on 4th & partly on 5th Street and lying in the block between Avenues C & D owned by Ferris Pell and Alfred S Pell and now under Mortgage to Edward W Laight.

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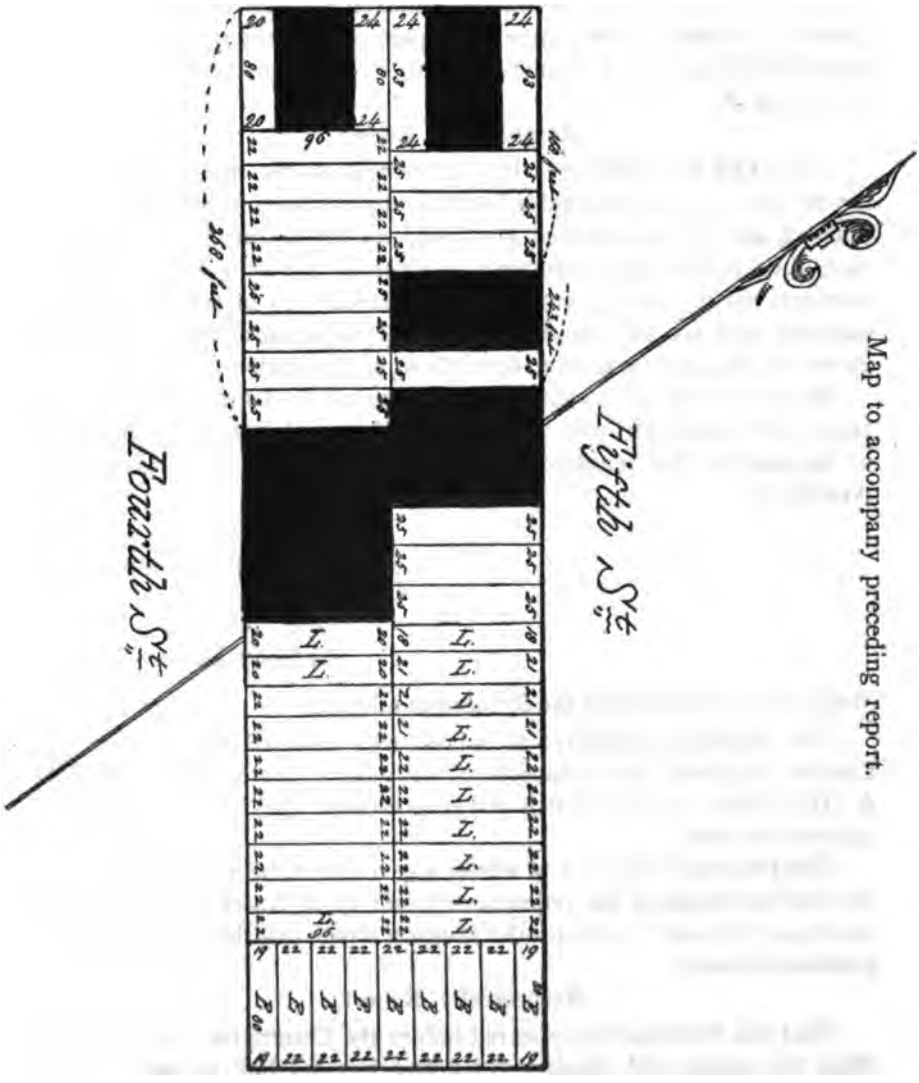
| For opening 5th Street 213 feet part No 35 Commrs Map confirmed October 16. 1826 | 44.73 |
| For opening 4th Street 40 feet part No 40 Commrs Map confirmed October 16. 1826 | 181.90 |
| For opening 4th Street 22 feet part No 37 Commrs Map confirmed October 16. 1826 | 109.89 |
| For paving Avenue D 13 Lots Nos 82. 83 90 & 100 to 109 Assessors Map confirmed Octr 20th 1828 | 93.75 |
| For regulating 5th Street 10 Lots No 48 to 57 Assessors Map confirmed Decr 15. 1828 | 990.24 |
| | $1420.51 |

With Interest from the days of confirmation respectively and cost of Advertising.

For Copy of Map accompanying this Report see next page.

[35] *Avenue C.*




Map to accompany preceding report.

*Avenue D.*

[36] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Bernard McCafferty for payment of part of the amount of his Contract for filling up and regulating Sixth street from the First Avenue to Avenue A presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee on the annexed petition of Bernard McCafferty asking for the payment of part of the amount of his contract for filling up and regulating Sixth street from the First Avenue to Avenue A

Respectfully Report

They find the Petitioner has exhausted all his means in raising the amount necessary to enable him to complete his contract, which was finished, and the Assessment confirmed on the 6th of September last past, they further find that the petitioner is labouring under embarrasments arising out of engagements entered into in relation to this contract, and are of opinion it is proper to advance him a sum of money on Account, and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to draw a Warrant in favor of Bernard McCafferty for Three thousand Dollars on Account of his contract for regulating Sixth street from the First Avenue to Avenue A

W Seaman
Benjamin M·Brown
[37] G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Charles Wayland for reduction of rent on a Water Grant at 59th & 60th Streets on the North River presented the following Report against the same

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Charles Wayland for reduction of rent on a Water Grant at fifty ninth and Sixtieth streets on the Hudson River held by him from the Common Council.

Respectfully Report.

That the Memorialist appeared before the Committee and stated to them the causes and reasons which had induced him to apply for a reduction of rent on his Water Grant, to all which your Committee gave their careful attention, but can discover nothing therein which would make it advisable for the Common Council, to consent to the wishes of

the Memorialists, on the contrary they are satisfied, it would form a precedent productive of the most injurious consequences, and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is not expedient to [38] grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Harris for transfer of Stall N° 40 Washington Market presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Harris for transfer of Stall N° 40 Washington Market

Respectfully Report

That the said Certificate is accompanied with the necessary transfer and Certificate of Qualification, and they accordingly offer the following for the consideration of the Common Council

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to John Harris for Stall N° 40 Washington Market.

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
W Seaman
B J Meserole
Jon[a] Seymour
David Marsh

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[39] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of David Kipp to be relieved from the payment of a Tax presented the following Report against the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of David [Kipp] to be relieved from Tax Respectfully Report.

That M[r] Kipp appeared before the Committee and testified that he was Taxed $9,$^{66}/_{100}$ for his real Estate, and that being an Artillerist he claimed a deduction for $500,

He further stated that he was worth $500, in personal Estate which he admitted was not Taxed. As the Assessors did not Tax his personal

property, the Committee do not consider his application entitled to the consideration he claims for it & offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

George D Strong
Jon[a] Seymour
Tho[s] Jeremiah
William Scott
Henry Arcularius.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

[40] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas L Ogden to be relieved from an erroneous Tax presented the following Report against the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas L Ogden to be relieved from an erroneous Tax Respectfully

Report

That M[r] Ogden complained that the Assessors of the 8[th] Ward had assessed him for 4½ Lots of ground on the corner of Wooster & Grand street and that he owned but little more than 3 Lots. It appeared by the statement of M[r] Ogden that he had divided his property into 3 Lots with twenty six feet front & one small Lot in the rear fronting on Wooster street & that the Assessors considered it as 4½ Lots. As the Assessors have given no Certificate of an Error the Committee do not feel authorized to interfere.

M[r] Ogden further requested the remission of a portion of the Tax on the same property assessed in 1828. M[r] Ogden stated that on representing to the Collector in 1828 that the Tax was too high he consented to release the one Lot and gave him a receipt in full—This he supposed settled until he received a Notice from the Comptroller that he owed arrears on 1828. However improper the Collector might have acted in this matter, the [41] Committee do not feel authorised to remit the Tax.

They offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

George D Strong
Jon[a] Seymour
Thomas Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of L & T Seymour to be relieved from an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of L & T Seymour to be relieved from an erroneous Tax Respectfully Report.

That the Messrs Seymours appeared before the Committee and testified that they owned a Lot of Ground in Christie street in the 10th Ward and that they leased one half of the same to the Corporation to erect an Engine House on and that the Corporation were bound to pay the Taxes on the half occupied by them.

As one of the Committee of the Common Council appointed to negociate with the Messrs Seymours has informed your Committee that the above statement [42] is correct, they believe them entitled to relief and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax on the Lot No 17 Christie street in the 10th Ward be divided and that the one half of the same only be charged to L & T Seymour and that they be relieved from the payment of $3,15/100 which ought to be charged to the Corporation of the City.

George D Strong
Jona Seymour
Thos Jeremiah
W Scott
Henry Arcularius

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John Jacob Astor to have an error on Tax corrected presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John Jacob Astor to have an erroneous Tax on Real estate corrected

Respectfully Report

That Alderman Taylor Agent for Mr Astor appeared before the Committee and stated that an Error had occurred in the Books of the Assessors of the Eleventh Ward by which 17 Lots of ground near [43] the corner of Avenue A in Sixth street were Taxed on $8500—instead of $850—which they were valued at by the Assessors—The Assessors make the explanation by stating that through a Mistake in Copying their Books they added a Cypher to the $850, and that the same is an unintentional error.

The Committee therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax on 17 Lots of ground in Sixth street between Avenue A and Avenue B in the 11th Ward Assessed to John Jacob Astor be reduced from that on $8500, to that on $850.

George D Strong
Jon[a] Seymour
Tho[s] Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
W Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John R Willis to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John R Willis to be released from an excessive Tax Respectfully Report

That M[r] Willis affirmed that he was taxed [44] on his personal property in the 4th Ward on $20,000 and that the same did not amount to over $10,000.

He further stated that he applied to the Assessors when they made their Assessment and that they noted it on their Books in pencil mark, but through some subsequent mistake the Tax was put at $20,000

M[r] Morgan one of the Assessors was present and coroborated the statement of M[r] Willis & united in the request that it might be rectified.

The Committee are of opinion that it is proper to grant the prayer of the Petition and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of John R Willis in the 4th Ward be reduced from that on $20,000 to that on $10,000

George D Strong
Jon[a] Seymour
Tho[s] Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Dalton to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments [45] to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Dalton to be relieved from Tax Respectfully Report

That Mr Dalton appeared before the Committee and testified that he was taxed for personal property in the 7th Ward on $10.000 whereas he was only worth $5000, He further stated that he was out of Town during the period that the Assessors Books were open for examination and that he was not aware of the Tax being excessive until called on by the Collector. As the Assessors have certified that the error exists, the Committee believe him entitled to relief and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of Henry Dalton in the 7th Ward be reduced from that on $10,000 to that on $5,000.

George D Strong
Jonathan Seymour
Thos Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of William Lyon to be relieved from the payment of personal Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to [46] whom was referred the Petition of William Lyon to be relieved from Tax Respectfully Report

That Mr Lyon testified that he was Assessed in the Ninth Ward on $5000, for personal property & that he is not worth more than $500, and that being an Artillerist he is exempt from the Tax on that sum. Mr Lyon further stated that he was out of Town during the Period that the Assessors Books were open and therefore could not attend to correct the Error.

The certificate of the Assessors acknowledges the mistake and the Committee thinking him entitled to relief offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax on the personal property of William Lyon be and the same is hereby remitted.

George D Strong
Jona Seymour
Thos Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of George Lovett to have an error in his Tax corrected presented the following Report in favor of the same.

[47] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of George Lovett to be relieved from Tax

Respectfully Report.

That Mr Lovett appeared before the Committee and testified that he was Assessed on $60,000 for his personal property, whereas he was not worth more than $25.000. Mr Lovett stated that he was out of Town during the period that the Assessors Books were open for examination and the Assessors certificate hereto annexed corroborates his statement.

The Committee believing him entitled to relief offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax of George Lovett in the 9th Ward on personal property on $60,000 be reduced to that on $25,000.

George D Strong
Jonª Seymour
Thomas Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Cochrane to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

[48] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Cochrane to be relieved from erroneous Tax Respectfully

Report.

That Mr Cochrane appeared before the Committee & testified that he was Taxed for personal property on $2000, and that he was worth no personal estate—He further stated that he called on one of the Assessors before their Books were open and that he promised to rectify the error but through inadvertance had omitted to do so. The Certificate of the Assessors acknowledges the error and recommends the remission of the Tax and the Committee believing that Mr Cochrane is entitled to relief offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax on the personal property of Robert Cochrane in the 10th Ward on $2000, be and the same is hereby remitted.

George D Strong
Jon[a] Seymour
Tho[s] Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
William Scott.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Gas Committee to whom was [49] referred the Resolution to have Lanterns placed on the Lamps in Broadway presented a Report in accordance with said Resolution which was referred back to the Gas Committee with instructions to consider as to the liability of the Gas Company to replace the Lanterns.

Alderman Palmer presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee and Counsel of the Board with powers.

Resolved that the Lot of ground on the North West corner of Division & Essex streets be made to correspond with the regulation of said Streets.

Alderman Wells presented the following Resolution which was read and Adopted.

Resolved that Douw D Williamson be appointed Keeper of that part of the buildings on Chamber street taken for Public purposes— And that the apartments in the Third story West of the Centre Hall be assigned for his Family in Lieu of any additional Salary.

Alderman Wells presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Canal Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Canals to have the Sewer in 6th Avenues and Carmine streets cleansed and the Culverts Repaired.

[50] Alderman Wells presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committees on Public Offices and Repairs.

Resolved that Committee Report what will be the Cost to put green blinds to the windows and painting the Outside walls of the East end of the Building on Chamber street so as to correspond with the West end of the said Building.

M[r] Mandeville presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that the propriety of removing the Ferry House on the Pier at Courtlandt street be referred to the Street Committee.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the renewed application to have Ann street widened between Nassau and William streets presented a Report in favor of the same which was read and Laid on the Table.

Mr Mandeville presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

Resolved that the Committee on [51] Wharves Piers & Slips be requested to have the Pier at foot of Courtlandt Street repaired.

Mr Townsend presented the following Resolutions which were read and referred to the Special Committee on Water.

Resolved that the Committee on Public Offices be requested to furnish a suitable room in the City Hall to be denominated the Water Office.

Resolved that Judge Benjamin Wright be appointed Engineer to this Board for the Water Department at a Salary of Dollars per Annum to commence from the date of entering upon the duties of his Office and that he be directed to take charge of the Water Office and to make such surveys and to devise and receive such plans, drafts or calculations in relation to the best mode of introducing an ample supply of pure and wholesome water into the City as may in his judgment be proper to submit to the Common Council or to the Water Committee for their consideration or approbation.

The Comptroller presented the following Cash Account.

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| Balance as per Actt 21st February | 430.12 |
| Recd for Streets | 7468.00 |
| " " Tax of 1830 | 29.900.00 |
| " " [52] Rents | 5169.41 |
| " " Street Manure for February | 1092.90 |
| " " Police Office fees | 670.60 |
| " " Commutation Alien Passengers | 523. |
| " " Cartmens Licences | 523.50 |
| " " Justices Courts | 354.18 |
| " " Arrears of Tax | 257.08 |
| " " Clerk of Sessions fees | 109.95 |
| " " Superior Court fees | 80. |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 28.00 |

83 Accounts Audited & directed to be Paid

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| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st Dist | | 1392.12 |
| Astin & Field Do 2d " | | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring Do 3d " | | 1043. |
| T. J Waters Clerk Comptrs Office 1 Qr Salary | 24th Febv | 250. |
| U Wenman Chief Engineer " | 8 March | 200. |
| D Hagerman Superdt Wharves " | 5 March | 150. |

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| O Ayres & J Coffin Asst City Inspect | | | 1 Mo | 1 March | 108. |
| Astin & Higbie Asst Keepers City Hall | | | " | " | 70. |
| C Myers Keeper Pottersfield | | | " | " | 63. |
| T Astin | St Inspector | 1st Ward | " | " | 42. |
| T Woolcocks | Do | 2d " | " | " | 42. |
| J. B Ebbetts | Do | 3d " | " | " | 42. |
| N B Lyon | Do | 4th " | " | " | 42. |
| I. A Isaacs | Do | 5th " | " | " | 42. |
| [53] A Morris | Do | 6 " | " | " | 42. |
| F Gantz | Do | 7 " | " | " | 42. |
| Wm G Babb | Do | 8 " | " | " | 42. |
| H B Roome | Do | 9 " | " | " | 42. |
| T Austin | Do | 10 " | " | " | 42. |
| A Hatfield | Do | 11 " | " | " | 42. |
| E Kingsland | Do | 12 " | " | " | 42. |
| D Hubbard | Do | 13 " | " | " | 42. |
| P. Field | Do | 14 " | " | " | 42. |
| G Duryea | Clerk | Fulton Market | " | " | 97.67 |
| L Baum | Do | Washington | " | " | 94.54 |
| S Fleet | Do | Centre | " | " | 74.44 |
| J Gilbert | Do | Clinton & Greenwich | " | " | 64.75 |
| J Bremner | Do | Catharine | " | " | 56.00 |
| J M Devoy | Do | 3 Markets | " | " | 55.60 |
| J Martine | Do | Tompkins | " | " | 54.75 |
| R Smith | Do | Franklin | " | " | 35.00 |
| J Seaman | Do | Manhattan | " | " | 28.00 |
| J Pinckney & A Parker Asst Board of Health | | | " | " | 96.00 |
| J Coffin Asst City Inspr removs Nuisances | | | " | " | 30.19 |
| A Legget Super Mud Scow 9 Jany to 6 March..... | | | | | 191.30 |
| Office of American Subscription 6 Mo 26 Feby..... | | | | | 50.00 |
| Ogden Hoffman Dist Attorney 1 Qr Salary 25 Feby..... | | | | | 750.00 |
| D. T. Valentine Marshal Marine Court 1 Mo 1 March..... | | | | | 30.00 |
| J Hays for Offices extra service Police 1 Qr 26 Feby..... | | | | | 932.41 |
| J Hays for conveg persons to City Prison 1 Qr 1 Feby.... | | | | | 326.50 |
| [54] J. M Bloodgood Superdt Streets Expences 1 Mo 1 March ..... | | | | | 919.35 |
| Heny Brevoort Awd openg 11th St fm Greenwich Lane to Bloomigle Road | | | | | 3045.84 |
| John Mann | Do | " | " | " | " | 1094.29 |
| Jacob Brower | Do | " | " | " | " | 546.46 |
| Thos Pringle bal | Do | " | " | " | " | 412.50 |
| Trustees of Congregation Shareth Israel bal &c | | | | " | " | 339.68 |
| Gideon Tucker | Do | " | " | " | " | 288.33 |
| Shepherd Johnson | Do | " | " | " | " | 137.74 |
| Chas M Graham | Do | " | " | " | " | 69.37 |
| Heirs of Henry Spingler bal Awd openg 5th Avenue fm 13th to 21st St | | | | | | 3510.35 |
| Thomas Burling | | Do | | Do | | 1794.05 |

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| R Pettigrew Actt reg & pavg Delancy Slip fm Goerck St to Bulkhead | 800.00 | |
| T. Cummings Actt pavg 13th St fm 5 Avenue to Greenwich Lane | 750.00 | |
| T Cummings Actt pavg 20th St fm 6th to 9th Avenue | 750.00 | |
| J Pollock Actt reg 7 Avenue fm Greenwich Lane to 21st St | 400.00 | |
| T Cumming Actt pavg 8th Avenue fm 13th to 21st St | 200.00 | |
| S Fargay Actt repavg Eldridge St fm Division to Hester Street | 170.00 | |
| R Pettigrew Actt repavg Ann St fm Broadway to Nassau St | 130.00 | |
| S Fargay bal repavg William fm Duane to Frankfort St | 118.17 | |
| P. Smith repavg Duane fm Chatham to William St | 111.23 | |
| Geo Lovett Atty for Jas Rile Actt repavg Lewis fm North to 4th St | 100.00 | |
| S Fargay repairs Intersections & accepted Streets 1st Ward | 925.31 | |
| S Fargay Do Do 2d " | 233.10 | |
| S Fargay Do Do 3d " | 303.50 | |
| S Fargay Do Do 4th " | 432.11 | |
| S Fargay Do Do 6th " | 367.77 | |
| [55] Jas Rile Do Do 6th Ward | 10.37 | |
| S Fargay Do Do 10 Ward | 372.34 | |
| S Fargay Do Do 13 Ward | 22.99 | |
| R Graves St Commr Acct McAdamizing 3d Avenue | 2000.00 | |
| J Pollock Actt graveling 8th Avenue fm 21st St two miles Northerly | 200.00 | |
| R Graves St Comr Actt fitting up Old Alms House | 2000.00 | |
| R Graves " Actt fitting up Old Jail | 5000.00 | |
| R Graves " Actt expences Lands & places | 200.00 | |
| Chas Mapes Treasr Institution for Deaf & Dumb 1 Qr 13 Jany 1831 | 412.50 | |
| John Groshon Treasr Northern Dispensary Ord 21 Feby | 200.00 | |
| Geo B Thorp & 2 Depts Keeper City Prison 1 Qr Salary 1 March | 500.00 | |
| A Burtis Super Alms House for Alms House | 5000.00 | |
| Saml Judd 31 Casks Oil | 1762.90 | |
| George Pryer 18 Casks do | 848.40 | |
| G Snethen Lights Lamps & Stopping Gas 1 Mo 1 March | 1690.73 | |
| R Provoost painting Lamps & Gas lights Do Do | 127.80 | |
| Brooklyn Marine Railway use of the Dock repair Mud Scow | 346.76 | 46.469.11 |
| | Balance | $137.63 |

Board adjourned to Meet on Monday next at 5 OClock.

[56] In Common Council March 14, 1831

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|
| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D Strong | Peter S Townsend |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M Brown | Joseph W Beadle |
| James N Wells | John Rogers |
| Gideon Lee | Thomas Jeremiah |
| James Palmer | Fyler Dibblee |
| Thomas T Woodruff | Peter Cooper |
| | John Lovett |
| | Philip W Engs |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor laid before the Board a Copy of the Act entitled "An Act to alter the Map of the City of New York by declaring certain Land in [57] the Seventh Ward of the City of New York now called Stuyvesant street to be one of the Public streets of the said City," which he had received during the recess of the Board, was read and ordered to be printed in the News papers employed by the Board, and ordered to be filed.

Mr Townsend presented the following Report which was read and the question being taken thereon it was Negatived

Resolved that a Member of this Common Council be appointed by the Mayor to proceed to Albany as a delegate of this Board to further the enactment by the Legislature of a Law investing the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of this City with power to introduce therein an ample supply of pure and wholesome water.

Alderman Strong presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Mayor.

Whereas it is important to our Constituents to be informed of what is going on in this Board, and as *to* the most efficient means of promulgating our proceedings is through the public press, and as several Editors attend regularly at our Meetings for the purpose of Reporting them, and as it is all important that these Gentlemen, should have convenient and comfortable accommodations to insure precision and correctness [58] Therefore Resolved that the Tables for the use of Reporters be moved to the upper part of the Chamber.

A Petition of C Wilkinson of John Raynor & John C Wines, and of Giles R Crary to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax, also of James Killin & Doc$^{r}$ David Hosack to be relieved from the payment of Tax, were severally read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Remonstrance and Petition of the Ministers Elders & Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church against the widening of Ann street praying that said Street may be widened on the North side instead of the South as contemplated was read and referred to the Street Committee together with the Report of the Committee on the 7$^{th}$ Instant and now lying on the Table.

A Petition of Samuel Boyd & others for the privilege to Bore for water in Chapel Street near Barclay street at their own expence was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Third Ward & Street Commissioner with powers.

A Petition of Robert B Dow & others purchasers of Lots of the late William Bayard [59] praying a further postponement of the Collection of Assessments on the same was read and referred to Finance Committee.

A Petition of Patten & Burgess for additional compensation for building the Wharf & Pier at the Washington Market was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Ralph Duncan to be re-appointed to the Office of City Guager was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Andrew Smith to purchase a Gore of land in Eleventh street near 6$^{th}$ Avenue was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Taylor and others to pave Asylum street from Cornelia to Jones street under the direction of the Street Commissioner was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William W Cowan Esq$^{r}$ relative to the removal of the 3$^{d}$ District Court comprising the 5$^{th}$ 8$^{th}$ & 14$^{th}$ Wards was read and referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 5$^{th}$ 8$^{th}$ & 14$^{th}$ Wards.

[60] A Petition of J Green Pearson for a Well & Pump in Bond street near the Bowery was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9$^{th}$ Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Hugh M$^{c}$Keon and others that the Well & Pump corner of Madison & Walnut streets be repaired was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Seventh Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Remonstrance of William B Townsend & others against repaving Barclay street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Chairman of the Watch Committee presented a charge against David Field Captain of the 2d District City Watch for disobedience of orders which was referred to the Watch Committee to investigate the charge, and Report thereon to the Board.

The Report of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature on the subject of Wharves & Wharfage presented on the 14 February last and laid for consideration was now called up and read in the following words.

[61] The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Memorial of sundry owners of Wharves and Piers alleging that the present rates of Wharfage yield an income inadequate to their cost and maintenance, and praying the interference and aid of the Common Council.

Report.

That the large amount of investments public and private, in this kind of property, and the frequent agitation of the question heretofore induced the Committee to examine the subject with unusual attention.

We have heard a number of Merchants Wharfingers and Lessees of Wharves on the subject, a portion of such examination is appended; and are well satisfied that the neet income to the owners of private Wharves is less than that derived from the aggregate of other property; and that the income derived to the City Government from the Public Wharves is inadequate, and might be increased without endangering Commerce in the least. The gross disbursements on the Public Wharves during the seventeen years ending 1st January 1831 exceed the gross Receipts from the same source One hundred and twenty four thousand three hundred and thirty eight dollars; this sum must have been drawn from other sources of revenue, or from direct Taxes.

The new erections during this period have [62] been considerable, the decay too has been great, the aggregate increased value is not ascertainable.

It is deemed a good general rule, "that each branch of business should sustain itself from its own income" and it was matter of surprise to the Committee that the Public Wharves in the best harbour in the world, and of a City the most commercial and most thriving on the American Continent, should be found an exception to this rule.

It is evident that this government in the commercial rivalry and competition of years gone by, with neighbouring Cities, have adopted

and practised in the very extreme on the unquestionable maxim "that a low tariff, whether of wharfage, import or other port charge is beneficial to commerce," and it is the opinion of the Committee, that so long as the Commercial Capital and skill of neighbouring Cities surpassed or equalled those of New York, the present low rates of wharfage were beneficial, but now that our trade and commerce is established on a basis far surpassing any City on this Continent, and our natural advantages such, that no ordinary cause can diminish or impede their progress, a moderate increase of these rates is proper and necessary.

In comparing the rates of Wharfage of some other Cities with New York, which seems essential in this question, the bases adopted by them are so [63] widely different that perfect accuracy is unattainable, but we are within the Bounds when we say that the wharfage of Boston is six fold the rates of New York; that of Savannah, five fold; that of Charleston, three and a half fold; that of Baltimore, two fold, and that of Philadelphia, rather above than below.

The wharfage in Europe generally, is represented to the Committee much higher than in this country, but were these facts otherwise, the Committee would still recommend a moderate increase of the present rates.

A coaster of 50 to 100 Tons now pays 62½ Cents per day, and remains at the Wharf not exceeding five days, paying 3.12½ Cents each trip. We cannot conceive that 75 Cents (the difference between the present and proposed rates) would ever change the destination of a single coaster. We suppose the value of the Cargo of such Coaster is from fifty to One thousand dollars, would 75 Cents extra wharfage on such amounts ever be brought into the calculation? Would the Coaster or Market boat of Stonington, go to the worse Market of Boston? Would the corn coaster of Deleware go to the worse Market of Baltimore? Would the Market Boat or Coaster of Bridge Port or New Brunswick, go to the worse Market of New Haven, or would they all come to the better Market of New York.

The Sea Vessel from 400 to 450 tons from Europe India or elsewhere now pays 150 cents per day. [64] We suppose she remains in port 25 days, the total wharfage for the voyage is 37½ Dollars add 36 Cents per day, the proposed increase is nine dollars. We suppose the value of her Cargo is five thousand to one hundred thousand dollars can the additional nine Dollars on such amounts ever be taken into account.

The question of increasing the rates of wharfage is intimately connected with a proposed change of Materials at some future day in the building of wharves. Some of our most respected Citizens, some of our ablest nautical men, and his Honor the Mayor have strongly recommended the substitution of square stone, for the mixed materials now used, and your Committee apprehend such change will take place some time hence. The cost will be great, and a moderate increase of wharfage now will prepare the way for the great increase which must take place, to enable either private or public owners to sustain the great additional Cost of building in this manner

The present tariff is unequal as well as too low—A vessel of 49 Tons carrying more than double the cargo pays no more than a vessel of 21 Tons; a vessel of 99 Tons pays no more than a Vessel of 51 Tons.

We recommend that the rates of Vessels of 20 to 50 Tons be increased on each ten Tons; and on Vessels of 50 to 100 tons that the increase be on each 5 Tons.

[65] It is our opinion that Steam Boats, a kind of vessel hardly known, when our present tariff of Wharfage was fixed, and whose tonage measurement compared with other vessels, is so disproportioned to the room they require, should be charged much higher rates than ordinary vessels. We think too as they cannot conveniently lie at the same wharves with other vessels, one or more Slips should be assigned them exclusively, and as their stay in port is very short, we recommend that the charge of Wharfage on all regular Boats be by the year or season, and not by the day. Some per diem provision will be necessary, however, for transient Steam Boats.

Several documents accompany this Report viz[t]
A portion of the examination of merchants wharfingers &[c]
A printed Tariff of the wharfage of Boston.
A printed Tariff of the wharfage of Savannah
A printed Tariff of the wharfage of Charleston
A printed Tariff of the wharfage of Baltimore
A manuscript statement from the City Comptrollers Books.

This last paper in connection with the Mayors "Annual statement of the City Finances" for 1824, now filed in the Office of the City Clerk Vol 49 page 372 Minutes Common Council exhibits the receipts and expenditures of the Public Wharves for the last seventeen years. The Committee offer the following Resolution.

[66] Resolved that the Counsellor prepare a Bill for increasing

the rates of Wharfage on all Vessels in conformity with the principles of this Report for the consideration of the Common Council

Gideon Lee
James N Wells
James Palmer
Fyler Dibblee
Joseph W Beadle

A Motion was made to strike out the proposed increase of rate on Vessels of 100 Tons and under which was lost. After considerable discussion the question was taken on adopting the Report of the Committee, and a Division having been called the Members voted as follows

In the Affirmative Al$^{d}$ Nevius Stevens Wells Lee Woodruff M$^{r}$ Seymour Mandeville Beadle Rogers Cooper Engs 11

In the Negative M$^{r}$ Recorder Al$^{d}$ Lamb Strong Palmer M$^{r}$ Bryson Arcularius Townsend Scott Jeremiah Dibblee Lovett 11

[67] There being an equality of Votes the Mayor gave his vote in the Negative, so the question was lost.

Alderman Strong according to notice moved to reconsider the Vote at the last Meeting on Memorial of the Managers of the House of Refuge, and Resolution of Alderman Stevens thereon. The question being taken, Will the Board reconsider, It passed in the Negative.

On motion of M$^{r}$ Townsend the Report on the subject of Hospital money paid by Seaman was made the order of the day at the next meeting of the Board.

M$^{r}$ Rogers gave notice that he should at the next meeting of the Board call up the Report of the Committee on Wharves on the Petition for a Wharf at the foot of Barrow street presented June 14$^{th}$ 1830.

The Report of the Committee on Common Schools upon the Memorial of the Common School Society presented the following Report

The Committee on Common Schools to whom was referred the Memorial of the Public School Society, at the last meeting of the Board.

[68] Respectfully Report.

That the object of the Society, as expressed in their Memorial, is the restoration of the second section of the draught Act, formerly reported by this Committee, making certain sections of the revised statutes applicable to the funds to be raised under the contemplated

law, subject to the control of the Corporation, there are cogent reasons why all the funds for the support of Common Schools, at the disposal of the Board should be subject to the same general legal regulations. To secure this object the Committee do not deem it necessary to abolish the second section of the Act, as adopted, and restore the section formerly reported, conformably to the prayer of the Memorial, but they think the wishes of the Memorialists may be substantially complied with by striking out the words "Common Schools in the said City," occurring at the end of the first section, and substituting therefor the words "the Common Schools among which the Public School monies are now, or hereafter may be by Law distributed in said City."

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to have the amendment suggested in this Report incorporated in the Act forwarded to the Legislature entitled "An Act for the further support and extension of Common Schools in the City of New York.

[69] Gideon Lee
Henry Arcularius
Fyler Dibblee

The question being taken on Adopting the Report & Resolution it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Comptroller presented the following Report which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Comptroller respectfully suggests to the Common Council the propriety of authorising the payment of the Five per Cent City Stock 1821 on the 1st of May next. The balance redeemable is $151,800.

The subject is now presented that public notice may be given to the Proprietors of the Stock if the Board should concur in the measure proposed.

The Report of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature on the subject of amending the Quarantine Law presented on the 7th Instant and laid on the Table was called up and read as follows.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature to whom was referred the Memorial praying the Common Council to apply to the Legislature for amendments to the Quarantine Laws.

Report

That they find many of the existing provisions [70] relative to the Public Health useless as guards against disease, and at the same time embarrassing to the executive officers, injurious to the Sailors, cram[p]ing the industry of mechanics tradesmen, cartmen, and all that

class of our Citizens whose trades or labours are in any manner connected with navigation or commerce, and most onerous to the Merchant; that those incong[r]uous provisions have driven much of our commerce to other ports, and much of our population and wealth to a neighbouring County—The Committee consider a thorough revision necessary, but, as the time required for such revision would carry it beyond the present session of the Legislature, and believing that discretionary powers may be safely lodged in the Board of Health we offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that application be made to the Legislature during the recess of the Board, in the usual way that discretionary powers be given to the Board of Health to [be] exercised by them in all cases that may occur under the health Laws in relation to vessels or goods.

Gideon Lee
James Palmer
James N Wells
Fyler Dibblee
Joseph W Beadle

[71] The same being read Alderman Stevens presented the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board prepare a Law and Memorial to be forwarded to the Legislature asking them to authorise the Corporation of the City of New York to pass such Ordinance as they may deem proper to vest such discretionary power in the Board of Health from time to time as they may deem expedient. A motion was made to refer back which was lost. Debates were had thereon, when the Question was then taken on adopting the Resolution proposed by Alderman Stevens, and was carried in the Affirmative.

Mr Bryson gave notice of Reconsideration at the next Meeting of the Board.

Alderman Woodruff presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on repairs to move a portion of the Board fence that enclosed the wood yard, in the East corner of the Park to the West side of Chatham street for a temporary enclosure of the building now fitting up for Records Office.

The Board then adjourned to Monday next 21st Instant 5 OClock P M.

[72] In Common Council March 21st 1831

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|
| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D Strong | Peter S Townsend |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M Brown | Joseph W Beadle |
| James N Wells | John Rogers |
| Bernard J Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| David Marsh | Fyler Dibblee |
| Gideon Lee | John Lovett |
| James Palmer | Philip W Engs |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Communication from the Trustees of the Northern Dispensary with an Extract from the Minutes of said Trustees *with an* [73] *Extract from the Minutes of said Trustees* being an Unanimous Vote of thanks for the liberal donation of Two Hundred Dollars granted to them by the Corporation, was read and Ordered to be filed.

A Petition of Abraham Bogart, and also of Shepherd Ostrum to be appointed to the Office of City Weigher, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Monthly Return of the Keeper of the City Prison & Bridewell of persons confined therein was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Abraham Van Nest & others to have William street widened from Old Slip to Exchange street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Daniel S Merritt and others Masters of Vessels to be relieved from the payment of additional wharfage over and above their yearly rent was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Peter & John S Crary for a remission of the penalty for non-compliance of an Ordinance for filling up a sunken Lot in Perry street [74] was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of John P Baker of Joseph Hall and of Abraham Taylor severally, to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax were read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of John Davenport to be permitted to erect a Hay scale on a Lot at the corner of Bowery & Eighth street was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Henry Bunce & others owners of property in the vicinity of Little Water street to have the same opened into Leonard street was read and referred to the Street Commitee.

A Petition of Thomas J Harris to be remunerated for damages done to his Stoop by an Engine was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Michael Harrigoden to be relieved from confinement in the Debtors Jail for violating the Law by selling Oranges & Lemons in the Public streets was read and referred to the Police [75] Committee with powers.

A Petition of John Haggerty & others to have the Engine Houses at the junction of Tryon Row and Augustus street removed, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Daniel Comstock & others to have South street paved from Catherine to Market Slip, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Daniel W Kissam Junr for apportionment of Assessment and Taxes on property fronting on 5th Avenue, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance of Henry Tiebout Jane & Elizabeth Crawford, Jane More Seth Dunlap Michael Moore & others against opening John street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Copy of a Resolution of the Trustees of Columbia College was presented, stating that the Corporation and others may from time to time designate two Students to Free admission & Education in said College was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[76] A Petition of William Derickson & others to have the side walks in Grove street paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Azariah Ross & others for a Well & Pump in Greene street near Amity Lane was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ninth Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Remonstrance of Thomas Kinnersly and others against opening 36th Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church for an Equitable share of School money was read and referred to the Committee on Common Schools.

A Petition of the Grocers in relation to the Tax $1 $^{5}/_{100}$ on their Licences which was read Whereupon M$^{r}$ Engs presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Counsel of the Board.

Resolved that this Common Council do not consider it obligatory upon them in their capacity as Commissioners of Excise to act$^{s}$ as Agents for receiving the sum of One dollar and fifty Cents [77] for the use and Benefit of the House of Refuge from the venders of Wines & Spiritous liquors, and that they will not hereafter consent to be such Agents.

A Petition of Thomas C Taylor for a Water Grant in front of his premises at Greenwich was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Martineau for the Office of Engineer in making Surveys &c for the purpose of introducing good and wholesome water in the City was read and referred to the Water Committee.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants for a Well & Pump in Goerck street between Stanton and Rivington street was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Eleventh Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Robert Gwyer and John H Lyon for an Exchange of Stalls in Washington Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Adam Tredwell and others to have side walks of Chapel street widened between Murray & Barclay streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[78] A Petition of the Trustees of the Northern Dispensary to extend their side walk on Grove street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen which was read the Resignations accepted and the Appointments made Viz$^{t}$

Fire Engine C$^{o}$

N$^{o}$ 9

Charles Wetsell Baker 4 Beaver Street—To fill the Company

N$^{o}$ 17

Thomas Kenworthy Bellows Maker 52 Cherry S$^{t}$

V$^{c}$ Gurdon Florentine—Resigned

N° 24

Adrian Van Riper Mason, Barrow & Hudson S^t^
V^c^ Lindsey D Sims—Resigned

George W Seaman Druggist 180 Elm S^t^
Charles Townsend Carpenter 12 Robinson S^t^
John Secor Accountant Bleecker S^t^
} To fill Company

N° 26

Garret Byrnes J^r^ Accountant—Oliver & Cherry S^t^
George Mills Brass founder 222 Cherry S^t^
} To fill Company

N° 29

Samuel Bishop Carpenter 19^th^ S^t^ near 8^th^ Avenue
V^c^ Joseph B Secor—Resigned

[79] N° 30

Christopher Robinson Butcher C^r^ Delancy & Forsyth S^t^
V^c^ Daniel Heustace—Resigned

N° 41

Drake P Todd. Clerk 8 Suffolk Street—To fill Company

N° 44

Samuel Luptin Ship wright 282 Rivington S^t^
V^c^ Henry Hedden Resigned

N° 47

Stephen Smith Ship wright 69 Avenue D
V^c^ Francis Sands—Deceased

John English, Ship wright Lewis Street)
David Brown, Ship wright, Lewis Street( To fill Company

Fire Hook & Ladder C^o^

N° 5

William Barker Resigned

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for correcting Nuisances—Viz^t^ ,

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz^t^

| N° | | | | |
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| 1. | D Brush or W A Seely | Owner | 30 & 32 Lewis S^t^ | Lots |
| 2. | Elenor Brower | " | 9 Dey S^t^ | D° |
| 3. | George P Rogers | " | N side 13^th^ S^t^ | D° |
| 4. | James Hurd | " | D° | D° |

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| 5. | Mary Spingler | Owner | N side 13th St | Lots |
| 6. | Thomas Pringle | " | Do | Do |
| 7. | [80] John J Astor | " | N side 13th Street | Do |
| 8. | William Sexton | Lessee | E side of Elizabeth St | Do |
| 9. | Albert Wyckoff | owner | E side 6th Avenue | Do |
| 10. | D W Kissam Junr | " | W side 5 Avenue | Do |
| 11. | Peter Huyler | " | 35 Commerce St | Do |
| 12. | Luke Kip | " | N side Ann St | Do |
| 13. | John B *Agar* [Agear] | " | 46 Thomas St | Privy |
| 14. | Do | " | 44 " | " |
| 15. | Mrs Johnson | " | 40 " | " |
| 16. | J B Loring | " | 38 " | " |
| 17. | A J Bogert | " | 28 " | " |
| 18. | G W Platt | " | 26 " | " |
| 19. | Nathl Bunce | " | 10 " | " |
| 20. | John F Delaplaine | " | 67 Anthony St | " |
| 21. | Michael Moore | " | 65 " | " |
| 22. | Frederick Acker | " | 57 " | " |
| 23. | David Westerfield | " | 55 " | " |
| 24. | Garret Tunison | " | 53 " | " |
| 25. | Elizabeth Tankard | " | 51 " | " |
| 26. | Peter Weatherby | " | 9 " | " |
| 27. | George McGregor | " | 13 " | " |
| 28. | CornS Vredenbergh | " | 15 " | " |
| 29. | John McKenny | " | 37 " | " |
| 30. | Edwd Elmendorf | " | 39 " | " |
| 31. | Saml Ackerly | " | 132 Monroe St | " |
| 32. | Wm Slam | " | 54 " | " |
| 33. | Margaret Livingston | " | 39 Hamilton St | " |
| 34. | [81] Margaret Livingston | " | 34 Munroe St | " |
| 35. | Hugh Smith | " | 28 " | " |
| 36. | Weeks | " | 76 " | " |
| 37. | John R Livingston | " | 155 Anthony St | " |
| 38. | Do | " | 153 " | " |
| 39. | James Hunt | Lessee | 225 Fulton St | " |
| 40. | John Shotwell | owner | 150 Madison St | " |
| 41. | ThoS R Hope | " | 10 Vandewater St | " |
| 42. | Edwd Brenan | " | 15 James St | " |
| 43. | Ameda Bellemere | Lessee | 48 Cortlandt St | " |
| 44. | Whitehead Hicks | Owner | 73 Munroe St | " |
| 45. | John K Hardenbrook | " | 37 " | " |
| 46. | John Ridden | " | 29 " | " |
| 47. | C C Jacobus | " | 23 " | " |
| 48. | George Downing | " | 19 " | " |
| 49. | Henry Remsen | " | 15 " | " |
| 50. | Whitehead Hicks | " | 7 " | " |
| 51. | Do | " | 5 " | " |
| 52. | G W Crane | " | 26 Orange St | " |
| 53. | James ONiel | " | 71 Cross St | " |

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| 54. | John McGowan | Owner | 67 | Cross St | Privy |
| 55. | | | | | |
| 56. | John Price | " | 37 | " | " |
| 57. | Patrick Sweeney | Lessee | 5 | " | " |
| 58. | James Copeland | " | 3 | " | " |
| 59. | Abner Higgins | Owner | 36 | Water St | " |
| 60. | David Brooks | " | 352 | " | " |
| 61. | [82] Eunice Kneeland | " | 14 | Oak St | " |
| 62. | Daniel Wait | " | 21 | " | " |
| 63. | Do | " | " | " | " |
| 64. | Do | " | 23 | " | " |
| 65. | Eunice Kneeland | " | 57 | Roosevelt St | " |
| 66. | James Ruskley | " | 67 | " | " |
| 67. | James Downing | " | 8 | Pelham St | " |
| 68. | Do | " | 9 | " | " |
| 69. | E. S. Lazarus | " | 1 | Chambers St | " |
| 70. | Peter Hegeman | " | 5 | Oak St | " |
| 71. | Eunice Kneeland | " | 16 | " | " |
| 72. | Albert Journay | " | 45 | Lispenard St | " |
| 73. | Luke Fay | " | | Cherry St | " |
| 74. | Job Furman | " | 132½ | Munroe St | " |
| 75. | Heirs of G B Abeel | " | 87 | Cherry | " |
| 76. | Do | " | 89 | " | " |
| 77. | Do | " | 364 | Water St | " |
| 78. | Do | " | 364½ | " | " |
| 79. | Simeon *Shillen* [Skillin] | " | 366 | " | " |
| 80. | G W Livingston | " | 474 | Broome St | " |
| 81. | Do | " | 472 | do | " |
| 82. | Chrisr Mildeberger | " | 318 | Water St | Do |
| 83. | John Mason | " | 343 | " | " |
| 84. | Do | " | 343½ | " | " |
| 85. | Wm P or Saml Kelly | " | 359 | " | " |
| 86. | Samuel Thorn | " | 341½ | " | " |
| 87. | Do | " | 341 | " | " |
| 88. | [83] John Mason | " | 181 | South St | Do |
| 89. | W L Simers | " | 112½ | Water St | Do |
| 90. | Do | " | 312 | " | " |
| 91. | Nathl Weed | " | 132 | Greenwich St | " |
| 92. | N Fish or Corporation of St Marks Church | " | | between 11th & 12th Sts & 1st & 2d Avenues | Lots |

Isaac Warren City Inspector

Which were passed.

Alderman Lee presented the following Resolution which was Adopted.

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council cause the usual Notice to be given to the existing Inspectors of Elections, of the Elec-

tion to be held on the second Tuesday in April next and the two succeeding days.

The Resignation of William W Cowan as Inspector of ensuing Charter Election for the 8th Ward was accepted, and Job Sheldon was appointed Inspector in his place.

The Counsel presented a Report relative to the Resignation of Gideon Tucker, Shivers Parker & Thomas C Taylor as Commissioners in the matter of opening 16th Street which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Counsel and Attorney of the Board [84] to whom was referred by the Market Committee an Ordinance relative to the Public Markets presented the following Report

The Counsel and Attorney to the Common Council, to whom the Market Committee referred the draft of an Ordinance re-enacting certain Resolutions and Ordinances heretofore passed in relation to the Public Markets

Respectfully Report

That they have duly considered the matter submitted to them, and deem the passage of the said Ordinance hereunto subjoined as expedient and proper.

R Emmet
Jacob Wyckoff

Whereupon the Report was approved and the Ordinance passed under the title of "A Law Re-enacting and continuing in force the Ordinances and Resolutions relative to the Public Markets in the City of New York and designating the same."

The Counsel presented the following Report on Lease to Andrew Smith for a Lot sold for Assessments.

The subscriber respectfully submits to the Board a Lease to Andrew Smith for a piece of ground sold for an Assessment on the 13th of [85] October 1828, and not redeemed and for which Mr Smith holds the Certificate.

The following Resolution is offered.

Resolved that the said Lease be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

R Emmet

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted, and the Lease directed to be executed during the recess of the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for widening the Side walks of Duane street between Augustus and Cross street which was confirmed & John Hanmer appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Returns of Delinquents on sundry Assessments—Whereupon Warrants were directed to issue to the Collectors thereof.

For paving Thirteenth street from Fifth Avenue to Greenwich Lane. Warrant to issue to John Hanmer the Collector thereof.

For paving Delancy Slip from Goerck to Tompkins street.

For re-paving Eldridge street from Division to Hester street &

For a Well & Pump in Forsyth near Stanton street—Warrants to issue to Thomas Cottrell the Collector thereof.

[86] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham P Maybie & William Kelly on behalf of themselves and others to whom sums were due from Mr Vanderlyn for work done and materials furnished in erecting the Building called the Rotunda presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham P Mabie and William Kelly on behalf of themselves and others

Respectfully Report

That the said Petition comes from the creditors of Mr Vanderlyn to whom considerable amounts are still due for work performed and materials furnished in erecting the building known as the Rotunda.

The Committee deem it unnecessary to State in detail the facts relative to the Lease heretofore given by the Corporation to Mr Vanderlyn for the ground upon which that building stands. The Board is sufficiently apprised of the history of that building and that it has become the property of the Corporation by the terms of the Lease. In referrence to the claims of the present applicants, it appears from their Petition and the statements which the Committee have received in support thereof that in or about December 1819—Mr Vanderlyn became insolvent and took the benefit of the Insolvent Act, having assigned all his property [87] to James Smith Esqr for the benefit of his creditors. That Mr Smith in pursuance of his duty as Assignee sold all Mr Vanderlyns interest in the Rotunda establishment at Public Auction; and that the Petitioners in the hope of thereby saving themselves from loss became the purchasers. The Lease had not then expired, and if these creditors had realised the use of the establishment for the remainder of the term, they might have reduced the amounts due to them; but it appears that Mr Vanderlyn contrived to regain possession of the premises although his rights there had ceased, and to retain such possession until recently compelled to remove

by the Corporation, and that his creditors were allowed to remain still unpaid. The Committee have been furnished with a statement which is hereunto annexed, shewing the names of the creditors on whose behalf this application is made, the original amounts of their claims, the dividends which they have received (amounting only to 13¾ cents on the Dollar) and the balances still due to them without interest which balances amount to the total sum of $3540,44. The Petitioners have no prospect of ever receiving any thing from Mr Vanderlyn and they appeal to the liberality of the Common Council for relief.

The Committee have duly considered all the circumstances of the case, and they do not hesitate to say that in their opinion this application is sustained by those considerations of justice which should always [88] weigh with this Board. The Corporation have without paying for its erection become the owners of a building which with some additional expenditure has been rendered fit for important public purposes and which has been actually thus appropriated, while the Mechanics and others who built it, and who, it may be reasonably supposed are illy able to bear the loss have been left to suffer. The Committee think that the Corporation although not legally bound, ought under the circumstances to extend relief to the applicants by paying to them the balance still due on their original claims, without interest, and they submit therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of Benjamin Ferris Esqr the attorney for the Petitioners for the sum of $3540,44 to be paid and apportioned by him among the creditors of Mr Vanderlyn for building the Rotunda, whose names are mentioned in the annexed statement according to the amounts of their respective claims as contained in the said statement.

W Seaman
Anthony Lamb
Benjamin M Brown
Peter J Nevius
G Lee.

After some discussion a Motion was made to [89] lay the Report on the Table which was Negatived—The question was then taken on adopting the Report and carried in the Affirmative. A Division being called the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Ald Nevius Lamb Strong Seaman B M Brown Wells Meserole Marsh Lee Woodruff Mr Bryson Arcularius Townsend Scott Beadle Rogers Jeremiah Lovett Engs 19.

In the Negative. Al[d] Stevens Palmer M[r] Seymour Mandeville Dibblee 5

Alderman Palmer gave notice of Reconsideration at the next Meeting of the Board.

[90] The Committee on application for Office to whom was referred the Petition of Edwin Smith for the Office of City Surveyor presented the following Report in favor of the appointment.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition of Edwin Smith for the Office of City Surveyor

Respectfully Report.

That they have examined his Petition and recommendation of the Street Commissioner and have no doubt that he is perfectly competent to the Office he solicits. They therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that Edwin Smith be and he is hereby appointed to the Office of City Surveyor.

Respectfully submitted

B J Meserole
John Lovett
Peter J Nevius

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted. and he was accordingly appointed.

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Stokes and others for permission to employ at their own expence a Matron for the female prisoners at Bellevue presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Police Committee to whom was [91] referred the Petition of Thomas Stokes and others asking permission to employ at their own expence a Matron to live among the Penitentiary women a[t] Bellevue

Report.

That they have conferred with the Petitioners, and your Committee cannot but applaud the benevolent and humane motives, which have led them to make this effort to improve the moral condition of that large class of destitute & abandoned females, who are carried by the enforcement of our Vagrant Laws to our City Prisons. It cannot be denied that our Prison confinement does not improve the Prisoners. That there are exceptions is admitted, but it is believed, that at least our Bridewell & Female Penitentiary, do demoralize, rather than improve their inmates; and a fact is stad[t]ed of a female in one

instance having been taken up and committed no less than eighteen times.

The Petitioners represent what has frequently been represented, that the female Penitentiary has not the room (while the Bridewell is in the same building) for any proper classification of the Prisoners. The 170 or 180 Penitentiary women lodge in but three or four different sleeping apartments. It is only necessary to mention the fact, and all persons must be anxious to remedy the evil. The constant attendance in the Prison of a discreet and religious woman, as a Matron may effect much in repressing improper conversation, [92] and by her advice turning the attention of the unfortunate women to a better course of life and conduct; And these Gentlemen the petitioners propose to extend their charities and relief, by furnishing some useful and honest occupation to these unfortunate beings when they come out of prison, so that they cannot longer charge to our Community, that by not affording them an opportunity of acquiring an honest livelihood they are driven to the Idleness and Vice for which they are returned again and again to our City Prisons.

They present the following Resolution

Resolved that the Commissioners of the Alms House accommodate the Matron referred to, and that they assist in improving the Condition and morals of the females referred to.

Samuel Stevens
Jon$^{a}$ Seymour
Peter J Nevius

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Police Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of the Corporation of the United German Churches, William M$^{c}$Intosh, Anna Collister and Anthony Dey for the removal of the remains of deceased persons presented the following Report in favor of the Petitioners.

The Police Committee to whom was [93] referred the Petitions of the Corporation of the United German Churches, William M$^{c}$Intosh, Anna Collister and Anthony Dey for the removal of the Remains of deceased persons Report

That the Corporation of the German Churches asks permission to remove only the Bones of persons buried forty or fifty years.

Doctor M$^{c}$Intosh petitions for the removal of the Remains of a Grand child deceased five years

The Petition of Anna Collister is for the removal of the remains of a Brother & two sisters deceased in 1825

Mr Dey asks leave to remove the Remains of Mary Laidlie who died in 1825.

Your Committee see no objections to granting their application, and recommend the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Petition of the Corporation of the German Churches, of so much of the Petition of Doctor William McIntosh as is above set forth, and also the Petitions of Ann Collister & Anthony Dey be granted.

Samuel Stevens
Jona Seymour
David Bryson

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Repairs to whom was [94] referred the Petition of the Clerk of the Supreme Court to have his Office painted and Repaired presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Repairs to whom was referred the Petition of the Clerk of the Supreme Court praying that his Office in this Hall may be Repaired, Respectfully Report.

That they have examined his Office and find that Repairs are much wanted, the cracks in the Walls require to be pointed up, and the Walls and Wood work painted for the preservation of the building as It appears to have been very much neglected. Not having been painted since the Hall was finished.

Your Committee offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Superintendent of Repairs cause the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court to be repaired and painted under the direction of the Committee of Repairs and that the sum of One hundred Dollars is hereby appropriated for the same.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas T Woodruff
James N Wells
Wm Mandeville

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William H Earle to Lease the [95] right of erecting a Hay Scales at Tompkins Market presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the subject of

Leasing the right to erect a Hay scales at Tompkins Market respectfully

Report.

That in the opinion of your Committee the offer of William H Earle hereunto annexed, is a price that ought to be accepted by the Common Council Viz[t]—"He will in pursuance of the Ordinance in such case made and provided erect a good and sufficient Scales, and offers One hundred Dollars per Annum ground rent for the same to be situated at the Corner of Hall & Sixth streets" they accordingly offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that William H Earle be & is hereby appointed a Weigh Master for the weighing of Hay & that a Lease be granted him in the usual manner (during the recess of the Board) to weigh the same on the ground at the corner of Hall & Sixth streets, for the term of Ten years from the first day of May 1831 at the annual Rent of One hundred Dollars payable quarterly.

Respectfully submitted.

Benjamin M Brown
W. Seaman
Jon[a] Seymour

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted and he was accordingly appointed Weighmaster at said place.

[96] The Ferry Committee to whom was referred back the Petitions of Long Island Farmers & others in relation to the Williamsburgh Ferry together with their former Report thereon and the Remonstrances against such Report presented a Report which was read—A motion to lay the same on the Table was lost—Debates were had thereon when M[r] Dibblee then debating gave way to a motion for adjournment and the further consideration was postponed.

Alderman Woodruff presented the following Resolution that Stuyvesant street be opened between the Bowery & 2[d] Avenue, and that the Counsel take the necessary measures therefor Which was adopted

Whereas the Legislature of this State, have on the Memorial of this Corporation enacted that Stuyvesant Street between the Bowery and the Second Avenue, be one of the Public streets of this City

And Whereas in order that the object of the said Act of the Legislature may be carried into effect it becomes necessary to make applica-

tion to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment.

Therefore Resolved that it is desirable for public convenience that Stuyvesant street be opened between the Bowery and the Second Avenue, and the [97] same is hereby directed to be done.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the said matter and that the Petition for that purpose be authenticated during the recess of the Board in the usual manner.

Thomas T Woodruff

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Hamilton & others praying for a postponement of Sales for Assessments on Lots at Greenwich presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of William Hamilton James McSorley & others praying a postponement of the Sale of their property for Assessments respectfully

Report.

That the Petitioners are the holders of property situated in the Twelfth ward purchased by them from the late William Bayard, the title of which is now in litigation owing to claims against the estate of Mr Bayard.

They are all poor people who devoted their hard earnings to the purchase of this property of which they maw[y] now be wholly deprived, and their case is one of peculiar hardship. The Petitioners are unable at present to [98] pay the said Assessment and pray that the Corporation may extend the time of selling as long as they can by Law, hoping that something may occur to enable them to keep their little properties and to pay those Assessments—The premises in question are advertized for sale on the 22d of March instant, and the Corporation have power by Law to postpone such sale for any time not exceeding Fifteen months from the 17th of November last. As the lien upon the property will not be impaired by extending to the Petitioners the indulgence which they ask, and as their situation is one of great hardship, The Committee recommend without hesitation that the Sale of their property and of such other property formerly belonging to William Bayard be postponed until next spring.

They offer the[re]fore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Sale of the said Lands & premises now advertized to be sold for Assessments on the 22d of March instant be suspended and postponed until the 10th of February 1832.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[99] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the subject of delaying the Suit now pending for the recovery of Fort Gansevoort presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution relative to the suit now pending for the recovery of the premises known as Fort Gansevoort and its appurtenances, Respectfully

Report

That the premises in question are erected upon land formerly covered with water lying beyond High water mark in front of property belonging to John Jacob Astor Esqr which was formerly part of the Clinton Farm.

That in 1812 Mr Astor having what is termed the pre-emptive right to said premises, sold and conveyed the same by a Warantee Deed to the United States for $10,000—That the Government of the United States caused the Fort and other improvements to be erected there and have been in possession ever since. That in February 1829 an application was made to the Corporation by Mr Astor for a grant of the land under water between the great Kill road & 12th Street embracing the whole of the premises in question, upon which application, the then Finance Committee reported on the 30th of November 1829 that in their opinion the premises so applied for would be required by the Corporation for public purposes; and a Resolution was thereup[on] adopted by the Board, [100] "that it was not expedient to comply with the prayer of the said Petition". That subsequently the Board passed a Resolution directing the Counsel to take such measures as might be necessary to obtain possession of the said premises; in consequence whereof an Action of Ejectment was commenced by him in the name of the Corporation against an Officer of the United States who has the charge and possession of the said Fort, which Action is now pending in the Superior Court of this City and ready for trial. That at

the last January term of the said Court, when the said cause was about to be tried, Mr Astor applied to this Committee to have the said trial postponed stating that the Covenant of Warrantee, in his deed to the United States had been inserted by mistake or without his intention, as he did not mean to have sold more than his pre-emptive right nor to dispute the rights of the Corporation; that he had applied to the Government to re-convey the premises to him on re-paying them the consideration money they had paid to him with interest; that an Act of Congress would be necessary to authorize such re-conveyance that such an Act was then before the House of Representatives and that he had no doubt of its final passage before the adjournment of Congress

That on obtaining a re-conveyance of the premises under such Act, he would apply to the Corporation for [101] a grant on the usual terms and pay all the back rent, and do whatever else might be reasonably required by the Corporation, his object being to avoid litigation or difficulty, while he was desirous to have the said premises upon fair terms. This Committee thereupon instructed the Counsel to have the trial of the said cause, deferred to a future day, with a view of bringing the subject before the Board in the mean time; And it was for the purpose of obtaining the sense of the Board upon the Communication of Mr Astor, before any further steps should be taken in the suit, that the Resolution hereunto annexed was offered. The Committee have thought it proper to be thus particular in the facts relative to this subject, inasmuch as the suit has been again noticed for trial and is on the Calendar for the present term of the Court, and as Mr Astor has addressed the annexed communication to them, (by which it appears that the Act of Congress applied for by him cannot pass before next Session) with a view of having the said trial again postponed. The Committee would however take occasion to say that Mr Astor has fallen into an Error in stating that he was ready to carry the understanding which he had with the Committee of Finance into effect, as this Committee have never come to any understanding with Mr Astor in relation to this subject, have confined themselves to hearing his propositions, which they now, communicate to the Common [102] Council to have such order made thereupon as may be deemed expedient.

The Committee would merely add that in their opinion a trial of the said cause cannot prejudice any rights which Mr Astor may have, or impede any negociation which may be entered into between him and the United States, relative to these premises, or prevent any future arrangement which may be deemed expedient between him and the

Corporation on this subject. Therefore they offer the following Resolution. Resolved that it is inexpedient to have the trial of the said cause further delayed.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

For Cash Account see page 176

The Board then Adjourned to this day fortnight at 5 OClock.

[103] In Common Council March 29. 1831

(Special Meeting)

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
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| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D Strong | William Scott |
| William Seaman | Joseph W Beadle |
| Benjamin M Brown | John Rogers |
| James N Wells | Peter Cooper |
| Bernard J Meserole | John Lovett |
| Gideon Lee | |
| James Palmer | |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The reading of the Minutes of the last Meeting was dispensed with.

The Mayor laid before the Board "An Act relative to the qualifications of Voters at Elections for Charter Officers in the City of New York" passed [104] March 22d 1831—Also "An Act relative to the City Hall of the City of New York" passed 24th March 1831 which he had received during the recess of the Board, the same having been read were ordered to be filed. Whereupon

The Recorder presented the following Ordinance which was passed. "The Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York do Ordain as follows, That the Building called and known as the Old Alms House—And the Building called and known as the Rotunda, And the Building called and known as the Old Jail shall be and hereby

are designated as part of the "City Hall of the City of New York" for the use of Courts and Public Offices."

A Communication was received from John Lane & Alexander Ming Inspectors of Election of the 10th Ward tendering their resignations as such Inspectors which was read and Accepted—Whereupon Samuel Udell and Walter Meade were appointed to fill the vacancies, and the Clerk was directed to notify them accordingly.

The Board then Adjourned.

[105] In Common Council April 4th 1831

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
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| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Iamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D Strong | Peter S Townsend |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| Benjamin M Brown | John Rogers |
| James N Wells | Thomas Jeremiah |
| Bernard J Meserole | Fyler Dibblee |
| David Marsh | Peter Cooper |
| Gideon Lee | John Lovett |
| James Palmer | Philip W Engs |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and Approved.

Major General Morton Clerk of the Common Council presented the following Report in relation to the transfer by the General Government of the North Battery to the Corporation

[106] New York, April 1st 1831

Sir

Agreeably to the directions of the Committee in relation to the North Battery I proceeded to Washington to negociate for the Cession of that Fort to the Corporation of this City.

It gives me great pleasure to state that the powers given by the Act of Congress to the President to transfer that work were construed by him in that spirit of Justice and liberality, which, while it awakens kind feeling towards our government, tends also to willing and ready exertions for the public weal on any future emergency.

An order was issued for the Department of War, a copy of which accompanies this, directing General Macomb to order the Commanding Officer of the Eastern Department to deliver to the Corporation the North Battery, as soon the Ordnance and Quarter masters stores can be removed from the premises.

An order to that effect has been received from Major General Macomb and the Assistant Quarter Master General informs me, that measures are now taking for the removal of the Stores which will probably be effected by the middle of this month.

I am very respectfully

J Morton

The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor

Which was Accepted and directed to be filed.

[107] The following Resignations of Inspectors of the ensuing Election were received and appointments made Viz$^{t}$

3$^{d}$ Ward

William H Ireland Resigned, Garret Forbes—Appointed

4$^{th}$ Ward

Joseph N Lord Resigned Richard S Williams Appointed
George E Smith Resigned Elijah W Nichols Appointed

7$^{th}$ Ward

Josiah Mann Resigned William Thorn Appointed.

A Petition of a number of Merchants and Dealers in Fruit praying that a Law may be passed prohibiting the sale of Fruit in the Public Streets and places were read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of John F Jenkins for Office of Street Inspector of 1$^{st}$ Ward, of Jacob F Cisco for Office of Street Inspector of 12$^{th}$ Ward were read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Communication was received proposing certain Amendments to the Law concerning Dogs was read and referred to the Police Committee.

An Invitation was received from the Managers of the Society for the Reformation of [108] Juvenile Delinquents to visit the House of Refuge on Thursday the 7$^{th}$ Instant at 3 OClock was read and Accepted.

An Invitation was received from the Committee on Arts & Sciences to view the New Bell prepared for the Cupola of the City Hall at

Allaires Furnace on Tuesday next at 4 OClock which was read and Accepted.

A Petition of Stephen Van Renselaer Junr to have Horatio street opened from Greenwich street to the Hudson River was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Two petitions of Farmers on Long Island praying that a Third Boat may be put on the Williamsburgh Ferry were read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of John Woodward to have Lease of Lot No 158 Cancelled was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of James Weeden & others for a Well & Pump at the Intersection of Second Avenue and Third street was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Eleventh Ward & Street Commissioner.

[109] A Petition of Andrew OConner & others Porters praying for a Law to regulate them was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Seth Geer & others to be permitted to have a Court on each side of La Fayette Place to be *inclosing* [inclosed] with an Iron railing, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Curtis of Coulter Goodwin, of Thomas Dean & of Elizabeth Banner for correction of Errors in their respective Taxes were read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Cadwallader D Colden for leave to finish his Ferry Houses agreeably to the plan submitted to the Street Commissioner was read and referred to the Ferry Committee with powers.

A Petition of William Allen a Watchman praying for some pecuniary Aid he having broken his Leg while in the discharge of his duty as a Watchman was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of the Justices of the Marine Court to have certain necessary repairs made in the Rotunda was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices & Repairs.

[110] A Petition of George H Cooper & William G Haydock to have Hammond Street paved from Factory to Asylum streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance of William A Thompson & others against paving Side walks of Grove street was read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of John D Hanman for the Office of Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Samuel Ackerly and others praying that the subject

of opening Front street may be delayed until they can be heard was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Oliver H Tompkins to be appointed a Measurer of Grain was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Remonstrance of John Pirnie & others also of George Lorillard and others against opening Little Water street to Leonard street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William A Thompson for extension of time to pay an Assessment was referred to the Finance Committee

[111] A Petition of Strong & Ballagh for permission to erect a Wooden Shed on Lot N° 16 Cherry street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Alexander M Muir & others to have the Sewer in Centre street extended was read and referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of Hugh Clinton to be relieved from the payment of a Fine for carting Goods without a Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee with powers.

A Remonstrance of B. S. Judah & others against opening William street to Exchange street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial of Jacob Rabineau for a Lease of the Red Fort and half of the Bridge for the use of the Salt Water floating Bath was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Joshua Thurston to transfer his Lease of Lot N° 130 William street to Henry Anderson was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[112] A Petition of John Ackley for Butchers Stall N° 2 Governeur Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Adam Patterson & others to have the Well & Pump corner of Murray & Greenwich streets removed was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 3d Ward and Street Commissioner with powers.

A Remonstrance of Thomas Lord against the widening of William street from Exchange to Pearl streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Townsend for time to pay an Assessment was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of William Gray for the Office of Weighmaster at the

Hay Scales foot of Governeur street was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Hopkins & Hawley for the renewal of Lease of Lot N° 233 Front street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Francis Thompson for permission to occupy one half of the Basin between [113] Crane and Stephens Wharf for the term of Three years, Also for permission to occupy the West side of Beekman street wharf for One Ship at a time for the term of One year where read and referred to the Committee

A Remonstrance of Richard Jennings against taking India Wharf for public purposes was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Alderman Palmer agreeably to notice given moved that the Board Re-consider the Vote given at the last Meeting on the Report of the Finance Committee on the Petition of Abraham P Mabie and others respecting demand for Work &c at the Rotunda

The Question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative & the Board refused to Re-consider their Vote.

The subject of the Williamsburgh Ferry which was under discussion when the Board adjourned at their Meeting of the 21st of March last was stated by the President to be now entitled to consideration. A motion was made to lay the same on the Table which was agreed to. Alderman Meserole afterward moved that the Report be called up and considered. The Question being taken thereon and a Division being called it passed in the Negative as follows.

[114] In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Strong Seaman Meserole Mr Seymour Arcularius Townsend Scott Rogers Jeremiah Engs 11

In the Negative Ald Nevius Stevens I Brown Lamb B M Brown Wells Marsh Lee Palmer Woodruff Mr Mandeville Bryson Beadle Dibblee Cooper Lovett 16.

It was then agreed to make it the order of the day at the next Meeting, as was also the Report of the Special Committee on supplying by the Commissioners of the Alms House Provisions and Fuel to the out door Poor.

The Report of the Special Committee on the subject of Hospital money paid by Seamen of the Port of New York presented on the 14th of February last was called up and read [115] as follows.

The Special Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Shipmasters and Seamen of New York, relative to the Tax

imposed by the Legislature of the State upon Seamen arriving at this port, beg leave Respectfully to

Report.

That the two Committees have had several conferences together, in which the matter presented for their consideration was duly deliberated upon, and Resolutions passed directing the Chairman to make application to all such Public officers or other sources from which accurate information could be procured relative to the time at which the various State laws imposing a Tax upon Seamen were enacted, and the manner in which the fund thus accumulated has been expended.

The details which have come into the possession of the Committee from the Collector of the Customs, the Comptroller of the State, and from other sources, though not as complete and perfect in all the items as could be desired, are herewith subjoined, and are amply sufficient in the opinion of your Committee to justify them in coming to the conclusions which they beg leave herewith to submit for your perusal referring for the authority upon which their inferences are founded to the statistical [116] documents and tables appended to this Report, and which your Committee conceive will fully substantiate the statements herein made.

The first Law enacted by the Legislature of this State, imposing a Tax upon Seamen including also Passengers, was passed March 30. 1797, and was enacted for the obvious intention and express purpose of defraying the expences necessarily incurred for the treatment and supervision of all such persons either Seamen or Passengers arriving at this Port during the warm season who fell under the provisions of the Quarantine Laws. So long as the funds thus raised were scrupulously applied to this object the Tax could not be considered partial or oppressive upon the class of individuals from whom it was collected. But in the course of time it was found that the fund thus created amounted to a very considerable sum, and left a very large surplus over and above the necessary moneys expended at the Marine Hospital (Staten Island) for the treatment and care of seafaring persons arriving in this Port, during the limited period of four months while the Quarantine Laws were in force. It came also to be observed that that portion of the fund expended for Seamen was exclusively appropriated to such Sick Seamen only as arrived during the Summer and Quarantine Months, that is to such [117] Seamen only as were sick with certain billious malignant or infectious fevers. Though the Quarantine continued but about four months of the year, Seamen were

contributing to the Tax during the whole year, and enjoying the benefit which was intended to be derived from it to these persons for the limited space only of the four months stated, and upon the implied condition that they should be sick of such and such complaints or fevers only as are specified in the provisions of the Quarantine laws. While during the remaining eight months of the year the Quarantine ground and Hospitals, though the Tax continued to be paid, were shut up, and no place was provided for the reception of such sick and disabled Seamen as might arrive within our harbour, though it was during these eight more inclement months that by far the greater proportion of sick and disabled Seamen existed, vast numbers arriving during the Winter, more especially, some frost bitten and others labouring under small pox and various pulmonary and inflamatory affections.

It was thus at the very moment when assistance was most needed and when they were paying also another Tax levied by the General Government, that they were most deprived of relief and Charity. Nor was any place of refuge offered to them during all this rigorous part of the year, [118] except at the City Hospital, and there only in a certain and limited number, and at a stipulated price of Board. For during the whole of the period mentioned eight months in each year, the Hospitals at the Quarantine ground erected out of the accumulated surplus of the Sailors' and Passengers' fund, had and still have their doors closed, and their apartments unappropriated, until each successive period of Quarantine arrives in the beginning of the Summer season.

The following Statement is presented as the estimated amount of Tax collected upon Seamen and Passengers arriving at the Port of New York in conformity to different legislative enactments of the State of New York since March 30th 1797 inclusive to January 1st 1831.

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| From 1797 inclusive to 1799 the estimated receipts from Seamen and Passengers were $11.000 annually | $22.000. |
| From 1799 to 1805 both inclusive, at $11.000 per Annum | 77.000. |
| From 1805 to 1810 both inclusive, estimating the two years of embargo and non-intercourse at one year, the receipts at $12,500 per annum were | 62.500. |
| The receipts in 1811 were | 15.740.88 |
| " 1812 " | 12.548.11 |
| [119] " 1813 " | 8.047. |
| " 1814 " | 1.633. |
| From the year 1815 to 1820 both inclusive the receipts avareged $21.500 per Annum | 129.000. |
| From February 1821 to Decemr 31st 1828 they amounted in all to... | 196.578.27 |

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| In the year 1829 | $40.886.38 |
| Estimated receipts for the year 1830 | 40.000. |
| Total Tax upon Seamen and Passengers from March 30. 1797 to January 1—1831 | $605.933.64 |

The estimated proportion paid by Seamen and Passengers, averages about one half respectively therefore 434 756 Seamen, the estimated number employed in the commerce of this port, foreign and Coastwise from March 30—1797 inclusive to January 1—1831 have paid during that period of thirty four years a Tax under the State Law amounting to $302.966.82.

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| The fees of the Health Officer from 1797 inclusive to 1799 are estimated at $9.000 pr Annum | $18.000. |
| From 1799 inclusive to 1810 estimating the two years of embargo and non-intercourse as one year the fees and salary of the Health Officer have averaged $9000, pr Annum | 90.000. |
| The fees of the Health Officer from 1810 to 1822 both inclusive that is for thirteen years, have been in all | 55.437.11 |
| [120] Add his annual Salary of $450 for these thirteen years | 5.850. |
| Estimated amount of fees and Salary received by the Health Officer from 1823 to 1827 both inclusive at $7.000 per Annum | 35.000. |
| Estimated fees and Salary of the Health Officer for the years 1828. 1829 and 1830 at $6.000 per Annum | 18.000.00 |
| Total fees and Salary of the Health Officer from 1797 inclusive to January 1—1831 | $222.287.11 |
| Add the Tax paid by Seamen as above | 302.966.82 |
| Total amount of State Tax upon the Seamen and Ship owners of the City & Port of New York for the last 34 years | $525.253.93 |
| Add the amount as above received from Passengers during that Period | 302.966.82 |
| Total amount of the State Tax upon the Commerce of the Port of New York in 34 years | $828.220.75 |

Estimating the total number of Seamen engaged in the Commerce of this Port, foreign and Coastwise during the last thirty four years at the number as stated of 434.756, and the number of Seamen annually received as Patients into the Marine Hospital at Staten Island at 200, which is a large estimate, there have been then, during the [121] space of thirty four years 6.800 Seamen only who have enjoyed the advantages of that Institution; while there has been paid towards that Institution and establishment in the same space of time, by the Seamen of this Port, under the State Tax as aforesaid the sum of $302,966.82;

leaving 427.956 Seamen contributors to that Tax who have received no benefit from the fund so accumulated.

Estimating each of the 200 seamen as aforesaid annually received into the Marine Hospital at Staten Island to have remained there two weeks upon an average, we have at the rate of $3, per week for board and medical attendance during the space of thirty four years the sum of $40.000 only expended upon the care and treatment of sick and disabled seamen, at that establishment, during that period of thirty four years leaving a balance out of the State Tax, collected upon Seamen, for the Quarantine Hospital and establishment upon Staten Island aforesaid of $262 166.82 which sum has been diverted from its original and legitimate destination, or, in other words, not appropriated to the care and treatment of sick and disabled seamen, as was the original intention of the Law, so far as respects the Tax levied upon that class of persons—The whole fund raised by the United States Tax upon Seamen since the year 1802 inclusive to January 1. 1831, amounts to $310.709.21; which together with a surplus of $21.000 and upwards, amounting [122] in all to $341,155.69 has been paid over by the Collector of the United States Customs to the Governors of the New York Hospital of this City commencing with the year 1799 inclusive to January 1—1831.

Each Seaman received as a Patient into the New York City Hospital as aforesaid under the United States Law has paid for Board and Medical attendance, out of that fund, at the rate of three dollars per week; which upon the average estimate of two weeks for each patient, gives about 56,859 sick and disabled seamen, who have at different times, during the last thirty years received medical treatment at the New York City Hospital, leaving a Balance of 328.127 Seamen contributors to the United States Tax aforesaid who have received no benefit from the Institution, to which the fund of $341.155.69, created by that Tax has been paid.

The whole amount of Tax, therefore collected upon the seamen of this Port during the last Thirty four years by the Law of the General government which was passed July 16. 1798, and since the passage of the Act of the Legislature of this State March 30. 1797 amounts to $613.676.03 paid by 434.756 Seamen; out of which number of Seamen 63,659 only have received medical care and treatment; while it is a well known fact, that numbers of sick and disabled seamen have every winter during that [123] period, for want of some suitable place to accommodate them, become paupers upon the Charity of the City authorities of New York.

In conclusion under the State Tax, add to the above amount of $613.676.03, the fees and Salary of the Health Officer for 34 years $222,287.11 and the Tax upon passengers for the same period $302,966.82, and we have the sum of $1,138,929.96 or One million, one hundred and thirty eight thousand nine hundred and twenty nine dollars and ninety six cents, paid to the United States and State Governments principally by the Seamen and Ship owners employed in the Commerce of this Port during the last Thirty four years.

The Committee are at a loss to conceive, that any argument could be presented in behalf of *of* the seamen and shipping interest of this port more powerful and conclusive than the simple arithmetical computations herewith submitted to your consideration.

They beg leave therefore to offer for your adoption the following Resolutions.

Resolved that the Common Council of this City do respectfully recommend to the Honorable the Legislature of this State, that the present Law imposing a Tax upon Seamen arriving at this Port be so amended that the whole amount collected [124] upon that class of persons be appropriated to their sole and exclusive benefit.

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be requested to transmit to the Legislature through the Governor of this State a Copy of the foregoing Resolution.

P. S Townsend
David Bryson

The Question being taken the Report was approved and the Resolutions proposed by the Committee were Adopted

The Committee on Public Offices & Repairs to whom was referred the Resolution respecting a Room to accommodate the additional Chamber under the new Organization of the Common Council agreeably to the amended Charter presented the following Report.

The Committee on Public Offices and Repairs to whom was referred the annexed Resolution directing the Committee to Report to the Board what Room in the City Hall will in their opinion be suitable to accommodate the additional Chamber of the Common Council under the organization of the New Charter, and an Estimate of the Expence, of fitting up the same in a proper manner

Respectfully Report.

[125] That in their opinion the South East Room on the second floor of the City Hall now appropriated to the Court of Sessions, is the most convenient and proper room for the aforesaid purpose.

That the sum which will be necessary for painting & Repairing the

said Room will be Three hundred Dollars—and for procuring Furniture and drapery to correspond with that of the present Council Chamber the sum of Thirteen hundred dollars will be required. And for altering the said Room in such manner as that its style of Architecture shall correspond with the Chamber at present occupied by the Common Council the additional sum of Three thousand Dollars will be required.

The Committee therefore propose for the consideration of the Board the following Resolutions.

Resolved that the Room in the South East corner of the City Hall on the second floor now occupied by the Court of Sessions be and the same is hereby appropriated to the use of one of the Chambers under the amended Charter.

Resolved that the sum of Four thousand six hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of altering the Architecture of the said Room and for fitting up the same with Furniture and drapery so as to correspond with the Chamber at present occupied by the Common Council

[126] Anthony Lamb
James N Wells
David Bryson
Thomas T Woodruff
Henry Arcularius
Wm Mandeville.

The first Resolution presented in the Report of the Committee respecting the Appropriation of the Room was adopted—Alderman Lamb then presented as a Substitute for those presented by the Committee the following Resolutions.

Resolved that the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated for the purpose of preparing the said Room for the reception of the Board of Assistants under the Amended Charter viz$^{t}$

Three hundred Dollars for repairing and painting the same.

Thirteen hundred Dollars for furniture and Drapery.

Three thousand Dollars for altering the Architecture of said Room in such manner as to make it correspond with that of the present Council Chamber.

The parts of the Resolution appropriating Three hundred dollars for repairing and painting & Thirteen hundred dollars for Furniture & drapery were adopted—The remaining part appropriating [127] Three thousand dollars for altering the Architecture of the Room was Laid for further consideration.

The Committee on Public Offices & Repairs to whom was referred the Resolution relative to putting Green blinds & painting the outside wall of the East end of the Old Alms House presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Public Offices & Repairs to whom was referred the annexed Resolution directing the Committee to Report what will be the expence of putting green Blinds & painting the outside Wall of the East end of the Old Alms House, so as to correspond with the West end thereof Respectfully Report.

That the sum of Fourteen hundred dollars will be required for the aforesaid purpose and for making the Repairs which will be necessary to be done to the Roof they therefore Offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved that the sum of Fourteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the aforesaid purpose.

Anthony Lamb
James N Wells
David Bryson
Thomas T Woodruff
Henry Arcularius
[128] Wm Mandeville
Thos Jeremiah

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Resler for transfer of Stall N° 10 Essex Market presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Resler to transfer Stall N° 10 Essex Market

Respectfully Report

That the same is accompanied with the usual transfer and Certificate of Qualification & they accordingly offer the following for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to Jacob Patterson for Stall N° 10 Essex Market.

Respectfully submitted
Benjamin M Brown
W Seaman
B. J. Meserole
Jons Seymour

Which was Approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Gas Committee to whom was referred back their former Report on the subject of [129] placing Lanterns on the Lamps in Broadway presented the following Report

The Report presented on the 7th March 1831 and referred back to the Committee was in the following words.

The Gas Committee to whom was referred the Resolution to have Lanterns placed on the Lamps in Broadway Respectfully Report.

That they have duly considered the subject and examined some of the Lanterns, which in the opinion of Your Committee are entirely too small, as the heat of the Gas is so great as to break the Glass and renders continual Repairs necessary. They have also had Mr Snethen before them, who corroborates this opinion and is free to say that they ought to be replaced with new ones of a larger size which will not only greatly increase the Light but be sound policy on the score of economy

The[y] accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Superintendent of Lamps under the direction of the Gas Committee be authorized to place new Lanterns, on the Gas Lamps in Broadway of the same dimensions of those now in use in Pearl street

The Report presented at this Meeting was in the following words

The Gas Committee to whom was referred back their Report on the 14th Inst relative to the furnishing of New Lanterns for the Lamps in Broadway

[130] Respectfully Represent.

That they have duly considered the same and made further enquiries on this subject but do not find any reason to alter their former Report.

They accordingly return the same to the Board and unanimously ask the Adoption of the Resolution then offered and which is annexed to the foregoing Report

Peter J Nevius
P. S Townsend
Thomas T Woodruff
P. W Engs

Which was Approved and the Resolution annexed to the first Report of the Committee was Adopted.

The Lamp Committee to whom was referred the subject of procuring a suitable location for an Oil House presented the following Report.

The Lamp Committee to whom was referred the following Resolution "Resolved that the Lamp Committee be authorised to select some central Location for the erection of a permanent Oil House, and Report the Cost of ground, and the cost & Plans of the necessary Buildings &c for the accommodation of the Department"—Respectfully

Report

That the subject of this Resolution being in [131] the view of this Committee one of some importance, they have given it a careful examination, and have fully deliberated on the advantages likely to result from the removal of the Lamp Department from its present location.

They would lay before the Board the following considerations as the result of their investigations and as the grounds of their Report. The Building in the Park that is now occupied for an Oil House is in a very bad state of Repair, and is not large enough to accommodate the Lighters who are 50 in number, and who must attend every day while lighting and for the want of sufficient accommodations are exposed in Stormy weather without fire or shelter, neither is there any accommodation for laying up a large supply of Oil if at any time the Board should deem such a course advisable, and the Cisterns now used will not hold more than 1000 Gallons.

The Repairing of the Lamps (for which purpose from 25 to 100 are brought in daily, your Committee think ought to be done, in the same building under the charge of the Superintendent of Lamps, but at present for want of sufficient Room in the Oil house, if the repairs to be done should not cost more than 3 Cents (which is frequently the case) the Lamp must be sent to the Tinmans, perhaps the distance of a Mile to have such repairs done.

The present location of the Oil House is [132] at least One mile below the centre of the Lamp District, whereas, for the conveniency of those whose business it is to attend there Your Committee are of opinion that it should be Located somewhere about the Centre—Another strong inducement for the removal of said Oil House is, that in its present state and Location it is a nuisance, and prevents that part of the Park from being permanently improved—Your Committee have selected a Lot of ground in Mercer street, North of and adjoining Firemens Hall the said Lot is 21 by 100 feet, and can be purchased for the sum of $1900 which your Committee consider a fair and just Value of the same.

The Cellar under Firemans Hall is 25 by 60 feet and is not at present occupied, nor likely to be, unless by the Lamp Department, to

which it will be a great acquisition, as it will serve to hold any additional quantity of Oil the Board may see proper to have purchased— The plan of the Building which your Committee would recommend erecting is simply such outside walls as are necessary for a common dwelling house, in order that if the Board should deem it advisable, at some future period to have the Oil House again removed the said building may be converted into a dwelling House.

The end wall of Firemans Hall may be used in building and save at least $500, the [133] cost of the Building when completed will be about $2000, the Cisterns necessary to hold 10,000 Gallons will cost about $500, Having considered the above facts the Committee are of opinion that the present location of the Oil House is a very improper one, they therefore offer the following Resolutions.

Resolved that the Lamp Committee purchase said Lot of Ground in Mercer street and cause a building to be erected forthwith agreeably to Report.

Resolved that said Committee cause the removal of the Oil House as soon as the new Building is finished.

Resolved that an appropriation of $4,500 be made for that purpose.

James N Wells
W Seaman
Henry Arcularius.

Which was approved and the Resolutions Adopted.

The Committee on Lands & Places to whom was referred the subject of placing an Iron fence on that part of the Park fronting on Chamber street presented the following Report.

The Committees on Lands & Places to whom was referred the accompanying Resolution relative to placing an Iron fence on that part of the Park fronting on Chamber street beg leave to Report

[134] That the wooden fence with which that part of the Park is now enclosed, is in a dilapidated condition and not worth the cost of Repairing and the Committee are desirous of putting that ground in order, so as to get it in grass, and set out the trees, which it will not be proper to do until the present fence is repaired or a new one erected in its stead—Your Committee have made the necessary enquiries relative to the probable cost of erecting an Iron fence, to correspond with that now on Chamber street with a large Gate in the centre corresponding with the Gate at the head of Murray street and they find it will cost about $2000, For the foregoing reasons your Committee are induced to offer the following Resolutions Viz[t]

Resolved that the Committee on Lands & Places be authorized to contract for and cause to be erected on Chamber street an Iron fence agreeably to the above Report.

Resolved that $2000 be appropriated for that purpose.

James N Wells
Peter J Nevius
Wm Mandeville
Henry Arcularius

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

[135] The Aldermen and Assistants of the 5th 8th & 14th Wards to whom was referred the Communication from William W Cowan Assistant Justice relative to the Court Room of the 3d District presented the following Report.

The Aldermen and Assistants of the 5th 8th & 14th Wards to whom was referred the communication from William W Cowan Assistant Justice relative to the Court Room for the third District

Report.

That about two years since, the Common Council leased apartments in the second Story of a small building on Canal street extending into a rear building and the entrance to which is thro an Alley from Howard street for the term of Three years from the first of May then next at an Annual Rent of $250,

Shortly after and before the Court was removed from Church street, an arrangement was entered into with Mr Egbert the then proprietor of the House corner of Grand & Laurens street where the Court is now held by which he agreed to permit the Court to be held in the upper part of his Home which is spacious and Airy without charge to the Common Council. He to be at liberty to let out the Rooms on Canal street for his own benefit, and that under this Arrangement the Court has been holden for the last two years in Grand street

That Mr Egbert has ceased to occupy the [136] house and the owner of the Building has given Notice that possession must be surrendered to him on the first of May next.

That the Lessor of the rooms on Canal street now proposes to erect a three story building to front on Howard street between Broadway and Mercer street of 26 feet in width and at least 40 feet deep, and to appropriate the 2d Story and a room in the 3d Story for the use of the Court, provided the Common Council will take a Lease of the rooms for 5 years from the first of May next at the Annual rent of $250,

the rent to commence from the time the rooms are completed which is to be within 60 days from the first of May the Lease now held to become void.

That we had the proposition of Mr Britten under consideration, and after maturely deliberating thereon, and examining as to the fitness & propriety of the location, do not hesitate to pronounce it as one of the most convenient and Central Sites for a Court room within the District, and that the terms proposed are liberal and ought to be Accepted.

The spot selected being nearly equi-distant from the extreme points of the District, and within the vicinity of two or three leading streets, it affords facilities of approach offered but by few places in the District, and is but little exposed to annoyance from the rattle and noise of Carts and Carriages

[137] We therefore pray leave to offer the following Resolutions.

Resolved that the terms proposed by Henry M Britten as contained in the annexed paper be acceded to, and that the Counsel of the Board prepare a Lease in accordance herewith, and have the same duly executed

Resolved that the Aldermen & Assistants of the above wards be authorized to procure rooms for the use of the Court during the time required for the erection of the building

Anthony Lamb
Henry Arcularius
Benjamin M Brown
Joseph W Beadle
Thomas T Woodruff
P. W Engs

Which was Approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Committee on Blackwells Island to whom was referred the Communication from the Supervisors of Kings County relative to the support of their Convicts presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Committee on Blackwells Island to whom the Communication from the Board of Supervisors of Kings County relative to the support of their Convicts in the Penitentiary at Blackwells Island, was referred

Report

That they have had the said communication under [138] their consideration, and have had an interview with the Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell on the subject, who stated that the greatest

number of convicts the above named Board had at any one time, was 12 and that the average number was 6, they also gave it as their opinion, that it would be sound policy to receive them, and that it would be no more than an Act of courtesy to a neighbouring County, Your Committee therefore Report that it is expedient to receive the Convicts of Kings County into the Penitentiary at Blackwells Island the Board of Supervisors of said County paying to the aforenamed Commissioners Seventy five Dollars per year for every Male and One hundred Dollars per year for every female so received—In conclusion Your Committee would submit the following Resolution for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved that the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell be authorized to contract with the Board of Supervisors of Kings County (so soon as the said Board get a Law passed by the Legislature of the State allowing the same) agreeably to the foregoing Report.

Jon[a] Seymour
James N Wells
Thomas T Woodruff
William Scott
Joseph W Beadle

[139] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petition of J & R M Blackwell for an extension of the Lease of Hell Gate Ferry presented a Report which was Laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

M[r] Cooper presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

Resolved that the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips be requested to enquire of the Agents for the Sing sing Prison what would be the probable difference in the cost of building and repairing the Wharves of our City with Stone from that Prison.

Alderman B M Brown presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Finance Committee

Resolved that it be referred to the Finance Committee to enquire and Report what further measures are necessary to carry into effect the operations of the Sinking Fund.

Alderman B M Brown presented the following Resolution which was read and referred [140] to the Committee on Finance and Wharves Piers & Slips.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committees on Finance and

Wharves Piers & Slips to inquire into and Report on the propriety of extending the Bulkhead on West street between Cedar and Albany streets for the purpose of selling the Public grounds situated at the above place.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Corporation of Trinity Church for relief from an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of the Corporation of Trinity Church for relief from an erroneous Tax

Respectfully Report

That Alderman B M Brown appeared before the Committee and stated that the Corporation of Trinity Church were assessed on a parcel of ground situate on the corner of Hudson & Morton streets and the same was used as a Public Cemetry

As the Board has uniformly exempted from Taxation the above class of property and as Alderman Brown states positively that the same is exclusively reserved for the purpose of a Cemetry

The Committee are of opinion that the [141] Petitioners are entitled to relief. They offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax of 18 Lots of ground on Hudson street and 8 Lots of Ground on Morton street Assessed to the Corporation of Trinity Church amounting to 102,$^{48}/_{100}$ dollars in the 9th Ward be and the same is hereby remitted.

George D Strong
Jon$^{a}$ Seymour
William Scott
Henry Arcularius
Thomas Jeremiah

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Moses Q Wood to be relieved from the payment of an Assessment presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Moses Q Wood to be relieved from personal Tax. Respectfully Report.

That M$^{r}$ Wood testified that he was Taxed on $5000 for personal property in the 9th Ward, whereas at that time he was Insolvent.

M$^{r}$ Wood further stated that he removed from the 1st Ward in June last and from that circumstance did not suppose he was liable to be Taxed in [142] the 9th Ward and in consequence did not call on

the Assessors when their Books were open, nor was he aware that they ever called at his house. The Certificate of the Assessors is hereto annexed, and as the Committee believe that Mr Wood had reason to suppose that the Assessors had completed their Assessment previous to his removal in the Ward, they think him entitled to relief and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of Moses Q Wood in the 9th Ward on $5000, be and the same is hereby remitted.

George D Strong
Jonas Seymour
William Scott
Henry Arcularius
Thomas Jeremiah

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Dr David Hosack to be relieved from a personal Tax he having removed to Dutchess County presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Docr David Hosack to be relieved from Personal Tax Respectfully

Report

[143] That Docr Hosack appeared before the Committee and stated that he was Taxed on his personal property in the 5th Ward on $5000, and that during the period that the Assessment was made, he resided in Dutchess County and paid a Tax on $8000, on his personal property in the Town of Hyde Park in said County. Doctr Hosack exhibited a Certificate from one of the Assessors of the Town of Hyde Park which is hereto annexed corroborating his statement.

As it appears satisfactorily to the Committee that Docr Hosack resided in Dutchess County and that he has paid his personal Tax there the Committee believe him entitled to relief.

They offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of Docr David Hosack in the 5th Ward on $5000, be and the same is hereby remitted.

George D Strong
Jonas Seymour
William Scott
Henry Arcularius
Thomas Jeremiah

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Giles R Crary to be [144] relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Giles R Crary to be relieved from Tax Respectfully

Report.

That Mr Crary appeared before the Committee and testified that he was Assessed *before the Committee and testified that he was Assessed* on $3,000, for personal property in the 9th Ward and that he is only worth $500, and being an Artillerist he was legally entitled to be exempted from the payment of the Tax in that Amount.

Mr Crary further testified that he was in Town during the period that the Assessors Books were open, but that not having been in any Public business and having never been previously Taxed he was totally ignorant of the Laws in relation to an application to the Assessors for relief. As Mr Crary appears to be a poor Man, and as the Assessors have furnished him with a Certificate acknowledging the error, the Committee believe him entitled to relief and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the present Tax of Giles R Crary in the 9th Ward on $3000 be and the same is hereby remitted

George D Strong
[145] Jonathan Seymour
William Scott
Henry Arcularius
Thomas Jeremiah

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report on the subject of paying off certain Loans.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a Report of the Comptroller recommending the propriety of Authorising the payment of the Five per Cent City Stock of 1821 on the 1st of May next

Respectfully Report.

That as there is a sufficient sum in the Sinking fund to pay the above Debt, it would be advisable to redeem the balance vizt $151,800.

They therefore recommend the Adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller give public Notice in the papers employed by the Board to the proprietors of the 5 per Cent City Stock of 1821, that the same will be paid on the first of May next after which day the Interest on the said Stock will cease.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee.
[146] Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was app[r]oved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Pettigrew for the payment of money on Account of filling up 5th Street between Avenue A & C presented the following Report in favor of the Petition.

The Finance Committee on the annexed Petition of Robert Pettigrew for a payment to him on Account of his Contract for filling up 5th Street between Avenues A & C respectfully Report

That there is a considerable balance coming to him on Account of the above mentioned contract, and they think it would be proper to make him a second payment on Account and submit to the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to draw a Warrant in favor of Robert Pettigrew for the sum of Five thousand Dollars on account of his contract for regulating Fifth street from Avenue A to Avenue C.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
[147] Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Andrew Smith to purchase a Gore of Land corner of Eleventh street and the Sixth Avenue presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee on the annexed Petition of Andrew Smith to purchase a Gore of Land at the corner of Eleventh street and the Sixth Avenue

Respectfully Report

That the Land which the applicant wishes to purchase became vested in the Common Council by the proceedings in the Supreme Court for opening 11th Street, at the cost of $181 $^{6}/_{00}$ and is adjoining to the Land of the Petitioner, who offers to take it at the same price, as this is in conformity with the practice of the Board in similar cases, Your Committee are of opinion, the application of the Petitioner is reasonable and ought to be granted, and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board prepare a Deed to Andrew Smith for the Gore of Land now belonging to the Common Council, at the South East corner of the 11th Street and the 6th Avenue for the consideration of $181,$^{6}/_{00}$ he paying [148] expences of conveyance and that the same be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Patrick McBarron for payment of monies due him for paving Side walks in Houston streets and also Norfolk street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee on the annexed Petition of Patrick McBarron for payment of monies due him on Contract Respectfully Report.

That there is due to the Petitioner for paving the side walks of Houstoun street between Mott and Elizabeth street $64.$^{7}/_{00}$, and also for paving the Side walks of Norfolk street between Rivington and North street $159,$^{6}/_{00}$ which work was performed by the petitioner during the last fall, and Assessments made therefor, and placed in the hands of the proper person for collection, who has not yet been able to obtain the money, by reason of difficulties in relation to the Title of the Lots assessed.

[149] Your Committee are nevertheless of the opinion that the petitioner should be paid, and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller draw Warrants in favor of Patrick McBarron for $64,$^{7}/_{00}$ for paving the side walks of Houstoun street

and for $159,67/100 for paving the side walks of Norfolk street as above stated.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Garret Cronkright to be relieved from the payment of Fine & Costs of suit for selling Spiritous Liquors without being Licensed presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Garret Cronkright asking for the return of the sum of Twenty five dollars and costs of suit, being the amount recovered against him on the 20th of October last past as a fine incurred for selling spiritous Liquors without having been Licensed for that purpose Respectfully Report

That the Petitioner in his Memorial sets forth [150] as the ground of his application to have this money returned to him, that there was a License, regularly issued by his Honor, the Mayor and the Alderman of the 12th Ward dated the 16th June 1830 authorising James Cronkright (who is a son of the petitioner) to sell spiritous Liquors, in the house at the corner of 16th Street, and the 9th Avenue, and further alleges that when the charge was brought against him of selling without Licence, and he was prosecuted thereon before James Flanagan, Assistant Justice of the 12th Ward, he tendered to the said Justice, the said Licence as evidence in his favor, which he the said Justice refused to receive; or permit to be introduced in the case. The Memorial further asserts, that he also demanded from the said Justice the right of his case being tried by a jury of his fellow Citizens, but that the said Justice Flanagan also refused to him his right, but proceeded to try the cause alone, the Memorialist further charges the said Justice with oppressive and arbitrary conduct in issuing execution against him immediately on rendering the judgment against him, being actuated thereto from Motives of personal ill will towards him.

Allegations of so serious a nature brought by a Citizen against one of the Ministers of Justice, your Committee were of opinion called for a severe and minute scrutiny, in order that ample justice, [151] should be rendered to the Complainant provided the matters set forth

in his Memorial should on investigation be substantiated, and with that view, they notified both the parties, who appeared before them, and produced their witnesses, who being examined under Oath gave testimony in relation to the facts which took place at the trial of the Petitioner before Justice Flanagan on the 20th of October last past, on the charge made against him for selling Liquors without License. Your Committee further Report that from the evidence given it was shown most conclusively, that so far from refusing the Memorialist the privilege of a Trial by Jury, a Jury was called, that the Jurors were in Court and about to be sworn when the Memorialist interposed and in express terms waived his right to a Jury altho pressed by the Justice to permit the Jury to be sworn, which he postively declined, and the trial in consequence proceeded before the Judge alone—The fact of selling spiritous Liquors being proved, the Memorialist exhibited in justification a paper purporting to be a License to James Cronkright granted by the proper authorities, but it was shewn by the testimony that from the declarations of the Memorialist himself his son James Cronkright was under age, and could not take a Licence and that the paper which was exhibited as his License, was necessarily void, and therefore could not be received as evidence, it also appeared in this stage of the examination that James [152] Cronkright has purchased goods on credit and refused to pay for the same, pleading infancy as a reason why he could not be compelled to pay.

Much other testimony was given before your Committee which it is not necessary to detail but the whole of which goes to shew that the conduct of Justice Flanagan in every particular in relation to this Matter, was in no degree whatever, oppressive or arbitrary, but on the contrary was prudent and praiseworthy and such as was called for by his situation as a Magistrate.

Your Committee would therefore respectfully Report to the Board that the allegations made by Garret Cronkright against James Flanagan Assistant Justice of the 12th Ward, are in their opinion wholly without foundation, and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not be granted.

W Seaman
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb
Benjamin M Brown

Which was Approved and the Resolution Adopted.

[153] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for and Remonstrance against the widening of Pine street between Nassau and William street presented a Report in favor of the Petition which was read, Whereupon Alderman Nevius presented a Remonstrance of Richard Varick & others against the Report which was read and together with the Report referred back to the Street Committee.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Tompkins street paved between Grand & Delancy street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have Tompkins street paved between Grand street and Delancy street

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the paving that part of Tompkins street has become necessary and they accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that Tompkins street be paved from Grand street to Delancy street

Thomas T Woodruff
Jn° Rogers
William Scott
Geo: D Strong.
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

[154] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Patrick M^cBarron to be allowed for damages done to Pavement of Hester street in consequence of Engines running over the work while in an unfinished state presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Patrick M^cBarron to be allowed for damages done to the pavement of Hester street Respectfully Report.

That the Petitioner is the contractor for repaving Hester street, and that while progressing with the work the Block lying between Eldridge and Allen streets being paved and rammed, but not yet covered with gravel (it being late of a Saturday evening) it was left in that situation with the usual barriers to prevent the passage of Carriages intending to cover it on Monday morning, on Sunday it commenced raining and continued to rain the two succeeding days in the mean time there were several Alarms of Fires the barriers were

thrown down and the Engines passing repeatedly over the pavement and thereby breaking it up, and rendering it necessary to repave the whole of the Block.

Your Committee are satisfied with the statement of the Petitioner, and are of the opinion that he is justly entitled to be remunerated for [155] the expence of repaving that Block, inasmuch as it does not appear that there was any neglect on his part they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the sum of Forty five dollars be paid to Patrick McBarron for damages sustained by him in consequence of the pavement being broke up in Hester street by the Fire Engines, and that the Comptroller report a Warrant for that Amount

Thomas T Woodruff
Jn° Rogers
William Scott
George D Strong
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to pave 14th Street from Bowery to 3d Avenue and to regulate it between 3d Avenue and East River presented the following Report.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have 14th Street paved from the Bowery to the 3d Avenue, and for having said Street regulated between the 3d Avenue and the East River

Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion the request of the petitioners is reasonable and ought to be granted and therefore [156] recommend the Adoption of the following Resolutions

Resolved that Fourteenth street be paved between the Bowery and the Third Avenue.

Resolved that Fourteenth street be pitched and regulated from the Third Avenue to the East river

Thomas T Woodruff
Jn° Rogers
William Scott
George D Strong
John Lovett

The question was taken on Agreeing to the 1st Resolution and was carried in the Affirmative and it was Resolved that the second Resolution lie on the Table for further consideration.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for and Remonstrance against extending Broadway from 10th to 53d Street presented the following Report against the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for and remonstrance against the extending of Broadway from 10th Street to 53d Street near the Four mile stone Respectfully Report

That in the opinion of your Committee the opening and continuing of Broadway as proposed by the Petitioners would not be attended with public convenience or with that individual interest [157] which some of them have anticipated and forasmuch as it would require Legislative aid to alter the Map or plan of that part of the City, and as the proposed line of extension would run in a diagonal line across all the Blocks of ground for more than one and a half miles and thereby destroying that symetry in which the Island is laid out, And inasmuch as that there appears a Majority of more than four to one of the persons interested who are opposed to the Measure, Your Committee are induced to recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to open and extend Broadway to 53d Street.

Thomas T Woodruff
Jn° Rogers
William Scott
George D Strong
John Lovett.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have 5th Street paved from Broadway to Mercer street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have Fifth street paved between Broadway and Mercer street Respectfully Report.

[158] That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution

Resolved that Fifth street be regulated and paved from Broadway to Mercer Street.

Thomas T Woodruff
Jn° Rogers
William Scott
Geo: D Strong
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen the Resignations were Accepted and appointments made Viz[t]

Fire Engine C[o]

N[o] 2

John I Stinman—House Carpenter 219 Walker S[t]
V[c] Luke J Perseana Resigned

N[o] 3

George Donal[d]son Dyer 13 Spring S[t] V[c] John Raymer Resigned
Robert Bell—Carpenter 112 North S[t] V[c] Job S Sutton Resigned

N[o] 5

Charles Colgate—Merchant 8 Dutch S[t]
V[c] John Huthwait Time Expired

[159] N[o] 8

Joseph H Hobby—Grocer Co[r] Hester & Eldridge S[t]
V[c] Joseph G Durrell—Time Expired

N[o] 20

Robert H Reeves—Cabinet Maker 71 Cedar S[t] To fill Company

N[o] 22

John Davis—Ship Carpenter 147 Madison S[t]
V[c] Joseph H Hobby—Resigned
Peter M[c]Namara—Ship Carpenter Grand S[t]
V[c] Jonas Dibblee—Resigned

N[o] 25

Albert Campbell—Machinist Duane S[t] V[c] To fill Company

N[o] 26

*Hugh* [Rich[d]] H Caniff Painter Harman S[t]
Abraham Laing Stone Cutter Norfolk S[t] } —To fill Company

N[o] 28

Jacob Bradebaugh—Tailor 178 Mercer Street
V[c] John Secor—Resigned

N[o] 34

Samuel Blauvelt—Carpenter—30 Morton S[t]—To fill Company

N° 37

Ezra Cooper—Fur Cutter—Eldridge S^t—To fill Company

N° 40

James Elkins Jeweller 79 Forsyth S^t To fill Company

N° 41

John Tilford Machinist—169 Elizabeth S^t—To fill Company

[160] The City Inspector presented the following Ordinances for the correction of sundry Nuisances

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz^t

| N° | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1. George H Cooper | Owner | 11 | William S^t | Lot or | Yard |
| | 2. David & Tho^s Harrison | " | 34 | Cherry S^t | | Lot |
| | 3. Lewis Hartman | " | 44 | Stanton S^t | | D° |
| | 4. W^m W Gilbert | " | | N side 10^th S^t | | D° |
| | 5. " | " | | D° 9^th S^t | | D° |
| | 6. Peter Farmer | " | 230 | Elizabeth S^t | | D° |
| | 7 B L Woolley | Executor | | S W cor Lewis & 3^d S^t | | D° |
| | 8. George W Brown | owner | | E side Lewis S^t | | D° |
| | 9. Bridget Kelly | " | | " | | D° |
| | 10. Geo Janeways Estate | " | 120 | Warren S^t | | A Privy |
| | 11. *J Pignatelle* [Pignolet] | " | 56 | Warren S^t | | D° |
| | 12. John L Mason | " | 5 | Batavia S^t | | D° |
| | 13. James Carr | " | 77 | Mott S^t | | D° |
| | 14. William Kemble | " | 23 | White S^t | | D° |
| | 15. Peter L Stoutenburgh | " | 82 | Reed S^t | | D° |
| | 16. D° | " | 80 | " | | D° |
| | 17. John Skinner | " | 78 | " | | D° |
| | 18. D° | " | 76 | " | | D° |
| | 19. Doc^r John D Jaques | " | 74 | " | | D° |
| | 20. G & B Downing | " | 96 | " | | D° |
| | 21. M^r Griffin | " | 102 | " | | D° |
| | 22. Mathew *Priker* [Riker] | " | 142 | " | | D° |
| | 23. Francis Kane | " | 144 | " | | D° |
| | 24. [161] John Donovan | " | 45 | Duane S^t | | D° |
| | 25. Jonathan Earl | " | 71 | Canal S^t | | D° |
| | 26. Widow Gertrude [Vultee] | " | 78 | Norfolk S^t | | D° |
| | 27. John Ridley | " | 23 | Thomas S^t | | D° |
| | 28. Henry Kidney | " | 25 | " | | D° |
| | 29 D° | " | 25 | " | | D° |
| | 30. Joel Miller | Agent | 673 | Washington S^t | | D° |
| | 31. Francis Arnaud | Lessee | 9 | Warren S^t | | D° |
| | 32. Corn^s Harsen | Owner | 31 | " | | D° |
| | 33. S. G Gray | Lessee | 33 | " | | D° |

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| 34. | George Smiley | Owner | 37 | Warren St | A Privy |
| 35. | John *Murender* [Marander] | " | 55 | " | Do |
| 36. | George Smiley | " | 37 | " | Do |
| 37. | John G Bogert | " | 71 | " | Do |
| 38. | George Bruce | " | 9 | Augustus St | Do |
| 39. | Eleanor Waters | Lessee | 17 | " | Do |
| 40. | Ann Wymbs | Owner | 25 | " | Do |
| 41. | Catharine Garaghty | " | 50 | Duane St | Do |
| 42 | " | " | 52 | " | Do |
| 43. | N W Strong | " | 27 | Lispenard | Do |
| 44. | John Morse | " | 4 | " | Do |
| 45. | Alexander H Stevens | " | 89 | " | Do |
| 46. | Francis Sexton | " | 103 | " | Do |
| 47. | " | " | 105 | " | Do |
| 48. | " | " | 107 | " | Do |
| 49 | Isabella Scott | " | 135 | " | Do |
| 50 | Danel Williamson | " | 139 | " | Do |
| 51. | [162] John McMullen | " | 294 | Greenwich St | Do |
| 52. | James Hope | " | 132 | Chambers | Do |
| 53. | T M Collins | Agent | 126 | " | Do |
| 54. | Robert Halliday | Exr | 162 | " | Do |
| 55 | Chas McEvers | owner | 154 | " | Do |
| 56. | Michael Fagan | " | 144 | " | Do |
| 57 | Peter Remsen | " | 271 | Broadway | Do |
| 58 | Do | " | 74 | Chambers | Do |
| 59 | John Dunn | " | 675 | Washington St | Do |
| 60. | Henry F Belden | " | 5 | Bayard St | Do |
| 61. | John Carbury | " | 9 | " | Do |
| 62. | Mary Montgomery | " | 87 | James St | Do |
| 63. | Mary Ann Holdridge | Occupant | 23 | Batavia St | Do |
| 64. | Thomas F Popham | owner | 155 | Chapel St | Do |
| 65. | Amos Sherman | Occupant | 19 | Batavia St | Do |
| 66. | Jas. C Roosevelt | Owner | 21 | " | Do |
| 67. | Do | " | 17 | " | Do |
| 68. | Thomas Bloodgood | " | 1 | " | Do |
| 69. | John G Coster | " | 383 | Water St | Do |
| 70 | Dennis Gillespie | Lessee | 10 | Williams St | Do |
| 71. | Margaret Myers | owner | 138 | " | Do |
| 72 | James Hay | " | 10 | Lispenard St | Do |
| 73. | Joseph Skillman | " | 8 | " | Do |
| 74. | Abijah Arden | " | 3 | White St | Do |
| 75 | " | " | 5 | " | Do |
| 76 | Thomas Mooney | " | 25 | Orange St | Do |
| 77. | William N Clark | " | 20 | Read St | Do |
| 78. | [163] Charles Rapelye | " | 64 | James St | Do |
| 79. | John Craney | " | 372 | Cherry | " |
| 80. | Alexr Campbell | " | 7 | Republican Alley | " |
| 81. | A Evrard | " | 92 | Duane St | " |

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| 82. Anthony Tieman | owner | 5 Avenue Cor 19th St | Lots |
| 83 " | " | " | " |
| 84. Henry Jackson | " | E side 5th Ayenue bt 18 & 19th St | " |

I. Warren
City Inspector

Which were passed.

The Comptroller presented the following Report relative to a release of Quit rent on Water Lot to Thomas Ellison Jr and commuted by Jacob G Dyckman

The Comptroller respectfully Reports to the Board for their approbation a Release of Quit Rent on a Water Lot granted to Thomas Ellison Junr on the 26th day of May 1773 and which was commuted by Jacob G Dyckman as agent for Heirs of Thomas Ellison Jr Release to Mary Jane Delancy & others on the 23d of March last. The Indenture is approved by the Counsel of the Board

Respectfully submitted

G N Bleecker Comptr

Which was approved and the Release directed to be executed during the recess of the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors [164] appointed thereto Vizt

For paving Side walks of Orange street above Prince street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For a Well & Pump in Cherry street between Pike & Rutgers street and John Hanmer appointed Collector.

For a Well & Pump in Tenth street near the Bowery and John Hanmer appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for opening 24th Street from 9th to 10th Avenue. Whereupon a Warrant was directed to issue to John Hanmer the Collector thereof.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham Bogert for the Office of City Weigher presented the following Report in favor of appointing him to said Office

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions for the Office of City Weigher Respectfully Report.

That Mr Reuben Wright has resigned the Office of City Weigher and they would respectfully suggest the propriety of appointing Abraham Bogert an old [165] and respectable inhabitant of this City in

his stead and who comes well recommended, they therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that Abraham Bogert be and he is hereby appointed a City Weigher in the place of Reuben Wright Resigned.

Respectfully submitted

B. J Meserole
John Lovett

Which was approved and he was accordingly appointed

The Finance Committee presented the following Report recommending the appointment of Thomas Cottrell to Collect sundry Liens for filling up Lots &c

The Finance Committee respectfully represent to the Common Council, that there are yet remaining unpaid sundry sums of money amounting in all to about $4000, being Liens on various Lots for filling up the same to correct nuisances, a schedule of which is hereunto subjoined, And they suggest the expediency of appointing Thomas Cottrell one of the Collectors of Assessments to collect the same, allowing him two per Cent on the amount Collected as a compensation therefor, and offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Thomas Cottrell is hereby appointed to collect from the persons named in the following List the amount set opposite to their [166] names respectively, being the amounts due from them as liens on their Lots for filling up the same.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted and he was appointed accordingly.

The following List accompanied the Report

1828 November 3d 1 Lot on the North side of 12th Street between the 5th & 6th Avenue
Andrew Smith owner — Amount due $86 38

1828 December 1st 8 Lots on the 5th Avenue and 4 Lots on 12th Street owned by the Estate of
Thomas Addis Emmet — Amount due $1609.80

1829 April 6. 1 Lot on 6th Avenue West side between 4 & 5th Street owned by Alfred S Pell, *of* [or] Abrm Hitchcock of Hackensack
Amount due $27,50

1829 June 4. 1 piece of Land between 12th & 13 th Streets and 5th & 6th Avenues belonging to the Estate of Samuel Milligan
Amount due $1305.60

1829 June 15 1 Lot on the S. E corner of 13th Street and the Bloomingdale Road belonging to the estate of Silas Lord
Amount due $40.48

1830 February 22d. 13 Lots on Delancy, Clinton & Attorney streets owned by John R Livingston Amount due $291,90

[167] 1830. July 26th 1 Lot on Mangin street William Vail owner
Amount due $34.63

1830 October 4th 4 Lots on Mulberry street between Prince & Houstoun streets. H Walton owner Amount due $275,60

1830 Nov. 1—1 Lot on Green street E side being South ½ of Amity Lane E Herring owner Amount due $29.53

1830 Nov. 1—9 Lots on Christopher Factory & Gay streets Alfred S Pell owner Amount due $129.48

1830 Nov. 1. 3 Lots on Perry street near West street Joseph E Bloomfield owner Amount due $75. 9

1831. Feby 7, 18 Lots on Prince Sullivan and Thompson Streets, Charles Mowatt, or the Phenix Insurance Company or Ferris Pell owners Amount due $77.54

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for and Remonstrance against re-paving Barclay street between Broadway and Greenwich street presented the following Report against the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to repave Barclay street between Broadway and Greenwich Street and the Remonstrance against the same Respectfully Report

That they have viewed the pavement of the said street, and are of the opinion that the same with small Repairs will not require to be repaved this season, and forasmuch as a very large proportion of the owners of the Lots and buildings on that street remonstrate against [168] the same, Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to re-pave Barclay street between Broadway and Greenwich street.

Thomas T Woodruff
Jn° Rogers
William Scott
George D Strong
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have 10th 11th & 12th Streets paved between the 5th & 6th Avenues presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have the 10th 11th and 12th Streets paved between the 5th & 6th Avenues

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted, and therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tenth street Eleventh street and Twelfth street be paved between the Fifth and Sixth Avenues

Thomas T Woodruff
[169] John Rogers
William Scott
George D Strong
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to widen the Westerly side of Chapel Street from Murray to Barclay street presented the following Report against the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to widen the Side walk on the Westerly side of Chapel street [between Murray and Barclay streets Respectfully report—that the walk on that side of Chapel street] has the full width allowed by the Ordinance of this Board (vizt 14 feet) and in the opinion of your Committee it would be improper to extend it to any greater width than that allowed by Law. They therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
George D Strong
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

[170] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have South street paved between Catharine and Market Slips presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have South street paved between Catharine Slip and Market Slip

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that South street be paved from Catharine Slip to Market Slip.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
George D Strong
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to pave Side walks of Grove street between Bleecker & Sixth street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the Side walks of Grove street paved between Bleecker street and [171] Sixth street Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the walks of that Street ought to be paved and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Side walks of Grove street be paved from Bleecker street to Sixth street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
George D Strong
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of widening and improving Ann street between Nassau street and William street presented a Report in favor of widening said Ann street which was read and Laid on the Table.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of widening and improving John street also the Remonstrance against the same presented the following Report against the Petition.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for widening and improving John street between Broadway and Pearl

street, and also the remonstrances against the same Respectfully Report.

[172] That they have given the subject their deliberate consideration, and are of the opinion that the injury and damage to the buildings and improvements would far exceed any benefits and advantages that would be derived by such widening particularly that part of said Street lying between Broadway and William street, They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to widen John Street from Broadway to Pearl street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Patten & Burges to be compensated for extra work done to Pier at the Washington Market presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Patten and Burges to be compensated for extra work said to be performed by them to the Pier at the Washington Market

Respectfully Report.

That Patten & Burgess entered into Contract with [173] this Board in 1829 to build a Wharf or Pier in front of the Washington Market for the sum of $10,286—in performing the contract the outer block owing to some cause, moved further out than was intended, to the distance of about thirty feet making it necessary to lengthen the connecting Bridge, for which they now ask compensation. It appears that the outer Block which was to have been worked up to 30 by 40 feet at the top is in fact but 29 by 29 feet, the outer bridge having of course to be extended, the length of more than fifty feet whereas it should have been the 30 feet as per Contract. Whatever might have been the difference of expence to the contractors—Your Committee believe the public are not benefitted, but on the contrary, the Pier is of less Value than it would have been had the contract been complied with; And forasmuch as Patten & Burgess have been paid the whole amount according to contract more than a year since, and no intimation having been given until now that they had been sufferers by the contract

Your Committee therefore believe that the petitioners are not entitled to any extra compensation, And accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee,
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[174] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Pratt for deduction from rent for District N° 4 Public Wharves &c presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Henry Pratt the Lessee of District Number Four of Docks & Slips praying for a deduction from his rent Respectfully Report.

That the said District was leased to the Petitioner for the year commencing on the 1st May 1829 at the yearly rent of $6100. That after he had become such Lessee vizt on the 20th of April 1829 a Pier at Washington Market was ordered to be built for which a contract was entered into on the 25th of May following and that the work was shortly after begun and not finished until the month of January following. The Petitioner complains that by reason of building this Pier, the Slip was obstructed for the best part of the year; and for the loss sustained thereby, and also in consequence of the Pier at Albany Basin being occupied for depositing Manure for a much longer time than was reserved in the Lease he claims a deduction from his rent. The Committee have carefully enquired into all the circumstances, and from their examination they are satisfied that Mr Pratt did sustain a loss from the causes stated in his Petition which loss they are of opinion should be made good to him by the [175] Corporation; They have endeavoured to ascertain as nearly as possible the amount which should be awarded to Mr Pratt as a fair indemnity for the injury he has sustained and after hearing Mr Pratts own statements and collecting all the information in their power on the subject they have concluded that the sum of $800 should be allowed for this purpose, and deducted accordingly from the rent still due. They offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the sum of Eight hundred Dollars be deducted from the Rent still due for District N° 4 of Docks & Slips for the year

ending May 1st 1830 in settlement of the above claim of Henry Pratt the Lessee, provided that the balance of such rent after making such deduction, be paid without delay by the said Lessee.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Anthony Lamb.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

A Communication was received from Thomas Asten Street Inspector of the first Ward resigning said Office, which was read accepted and directed to be filed. And on Motion of Alderman Nevius John R Soper was appointed Street Inspector of the first Ward.

[176] The following Report of Cash Account was made 21st March and was neglected to be put in its proper place which would have been page 102.

March 21—1831

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|---|---|
| Balance as per Actt 7th Inst | $137.63 |
| Recd for Tax of 1830 | 60.500.00 |
| " " Rents | 2.740.62 |
| " " Streets | 2.110. |
| " " Justices Courts | 528.39 |
| " " Commutation Alien Passengers | 277. |
| " " Wells & Pumps | 185.96 |
| " " Lien on Lots | 183.78 |
| " " Dist Attorneys fees | 120.98 |
| " " Fines of Attorney | 101.53 |
| " " Mayoralty fees | 41. |
| | $66.926.89 |

31 Accounts Audited & directed to be Paid

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|---|---|
| Blauvelt & Stewart—Watch 1st Dist | 1392.12 |
| Astin & Field " 2 do | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring " 3d Do | 1043. |
| Wm S Smith Collector City Revenue 1 Qur 22d March | 300. |
| J Morton Clerk for Hack Actt: &c | 87.19 |
| Abm Leggett Super Mud Scow 2 weeks to 20th March | 150.72 |
| J Fleming Treasr Amt pd Witneses ordered by Court | 25. |
| H Scovell Justice 7. 10. 13 Wards Salary 1 Feby to 14 March | 191.11 |
| F Hall & Co Subscription to Commercial [Advertiser] 6 Mo 1 March | 50. |
| [177] J Slidell & Associates Comrs fees &c widening Market St Harman to Division St | 422.00 |
| R Emmet Attys. Costs Do Do | 492.65 |

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| J Lozier & Associates Com[rs] fees &c widening Beekman St at Park Row | 171. | |
| R Emmet Attys. Costs Do Do | 195.91 | |
| B McCafferty Act[t] reg 6th St from 1st Avenue to Avenue A | 3000. | |
| R Pettigrew Act[t] pavg Delancy Slip fm Goerck St to B[ulk]head | 700. | |
| T Cummings Act[t] pavg 13th St frm 5th Avenue to Greenwich Lane | 350. | |
| P McBarron Act[t] repavg Hester St fm Forsyth to Norfolk St | 250. | |
| R Pettigrew Act[t] repavg Ann St fm Broadway to Nassau St | 100. | |
| S Fargay cleaning Sewers in Jacob Ferry & Frankfort St | 164.42 | |
| D Harron bal for Well Chrystie near Bayard St | 46.87 | |
| J McBarron bal for Well Allen near Walker St | 35.67 | |
| H Van Wagenen Receiver of the Estate of John Grayson Dec[d] Return Costs 12 Lots sold for Taxes 23[d] Sept 1829 & Redeemed | 84. | |
| Phenix Insurance C[o] Do 6 Lots Do Do | 42. | |
| Jacob P Roome Superd[t] Repairs for Fire Dep[t] | 961. | |
| J. P. Roome " Repairs | 700. | |
| J. P. Roome " Pumps | 285. | |
| J. P. Roome " Repairs to City Hall. | 269. | |
| J. P. Roome " Markets | 250. | |
| A Burtis Super Alms House for Alms House | 10.000. | |
| R Graves St Com[r] for Dials City Hall Clock | 1000. | |
| Mechanics Bank 4 Bonds $41.500. | | |
| Interest 560.25 | 42,060.25 | $65.812.91 |
| Balance | | $1113.98 |

[178] The Comptrollers Cash Act[t] was as follows.

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| Balance as per Act[t] 21st March | 1113.98 |
| Rec[d] for Tax of 1830 | 57.500. |
| " " Streets | 35.958.04 |
| " " Rents | 2.328.47 |
| " " Street Manure for March | 1312.57 |
| " " Wells & Pumps | 472.85 |
| " " Lien on Lots | 458.59 |
| " " Justices Courts | 160.92 |
| " " Superior Court fees | 94.50 |
| " " Sheriffs fines | 74.12 |
| | $99.474.04 |

63 Accounts audited & directed to be paid

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|---|---|
| Blauvelt & Stewart—Watch 1st Dist | $1460.12 |
| Astin & Field Do 2d " | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring Do 3d " | 1092.50 |
| J Sidell First Marshall 1 Qr Salry 1 April | 225. |
| J Hays High Constable 1 Qr " " | 125. |

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| O Ayres & J Coffin Asst City Inspectr | | | 1 Mo | 1 April | $121.50 |
| Astin & Higbie Asst Keepers City Hall | | | " | " | 77.50 |
| C Myers Keeper of Pottersfield | | | " | " | 69.75 |
| T Astin | Street Insptr | 1 Ward | " | " | 46.50 |
| T Woolcocks | " | 2d | " | " | 46.50 |
| J. B Ebbetts | " | 3d | " | " | 46.50 |
| N B Lyon | " | 4th | " | " | 46.50 |
| I A Isaacs | " | 5th | " | " | 46.50 |
| A Morris | " | 6th | " | " | 46.50 |
| [179] F Gantz | " | 7th | " | " | 46.50 |
| Wm G Babb | " | 8th | " | " | 46.50 |
| H B Roome | " | 9th | " | " | 46.50 |
| T Austin | " | 10th | " | " | 46.50 |
| A Hatfield | " | 11th | " | " | 46.50 |
| E Kingsland | " | 12th | " | " | 46.50 |
| D Hubbard | " | 13th | " | " | 46.50 |
| P Field | " | 14th | " | " | 46.50 |
| R Emmet Drawing Memorials, Laws, Leases, Counsel fees &c 1 Jan 1 Apl | | | | | 647.63 |
| R Riker Recorder 1 Qr Salary 1 April | | | | | 375. |
| D. T. Valentine Marshal Marine Court | | | 1 Mo | 1 Apl | 33.75 |
| J Pinckney & A Parker Asst Board of Health | | | " | " | 108. |
| J Coffin Asst City Inspector removing Nuisances | | | " | " | 46.88 |
| Geo: Duryea Clerk Fulton | | Market | " | " | 122.17 |
| L Baum Clerk Washington | | " | " | " | 82.17 |
| J Gilbert Clerk Clinton & Greenwich | | " | " | " | 64. |
| J Bremner Clerk Catharine | | " | " | " | 62. |
| J M Devoy " 3 Markets | | " | " | " | 58.50 |
| S Fleet Clerk Centre | | " | " | " | 56.75 |
| R Smith Clerk Franklin | | " | " | " | 38.75 |
| J Martine Clerk Tompkins | | " | " | " | 38.25 |
| J Seaman Clerk Manhattan | | " | " | " | 31. |
| Abm Leggett Super Mud Scow 2 weeks to 3d April | | | | | 185.76 |
| J M Bloodgood Super Sts Expences 1 Mo 1 April | | | | | 2581.77 |
| F Seely & J G Finn Sunday service 4th Ward 13 days each to 1 Apl | | | | | 39. |
| Jas King | Do | 14 Ward 24 days to 21st March | | | 36. |
| [180] Saml Judd 30 Casks Oil | | | | | 1400.70 |
| G Snethen Lights Lamps & stopping Gas 1 Mo 1 Apl | | | | | 2055.82 |
| G Snethen Superdt Lamps 1 Qr Salary 1 Apl | | | | | 187.50 |
| R Provoost painting Lamps & Gas lights 1 Mo 1 Aprl | | | | | 158.94 |
| Wm H Hoyt repairs Pipes for Gas lights | | | | | 15.50 |
| R Pettigrew pavs Side walks 3d Avenue between 6th & 8th Streets | | | | | 47.64 |
| H Cochran fencing in 18 Lots Prince Sullivan & Thompson Streets | | | | | 88.25 |
| O Smith bal reg 6th St from Avenue D 250 feet Westerly | | | | | 123.73 |
| J Pinkerton pavs side walks 4th St between Broadway & 6th Avenue | | | | | 163.85 |

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| P McBarron Act$^{t}$ pav$^{g}$ Hester fm Forsyth to Norfolk S$^{t}$... | $250. | |
| T Cummings Act$^{t}$ pav$^{g}$ 20$^{th}$ S$^{t}$ fm 6$^{th}$ to 9$^{th}$ Avenue..... | 300. | |
| T Cummings Act$^{t}$ pav$^{g}$ 13$^{th}$ S$^{t}$ fm 5 Avenue to Greenwich Lane ..... | 600. | |
| T Cummings Act$^{t}$ pav$^{g}$ 13$^{th}$ S$^{t}$ fm 3$^{d}$ to 5$^{th}$ Avenue..... | 700. | |
| Tho$^{s}$ Brownell Act$^{t}$ Iron Pumps, Bayard 15$^{th}$ S$^{t}$ & Willet S$^{t}$ | 76.43 | |
| P McGlin bal for Well Forsyth near Stanton S$^{t}$..... | 37.50 | |
| J McBarron bal for Well 15$^{th}$ Street near Bloomingdale Road ..... | 18.75 | |
| Wm Hockman Repairs to Wharf at Hell Gate Ferry..... | 300. | |
| J O Woodruff Keeper Penitentiary & 2 Ass$^{ts}$ 1 Q$^{r}$ Salary 1 Ap$^{l}$..... | 500. | |
| J Wood Physician Bellevue 1 Qu$^{r}$ Salary 1 Ap$^{l}$..... | 375. | |
| A Burtis Super Alms House for Alms House..... | 5000. | |
| W Bowne Mayor 1 Q$^{r}$ Salary 2$^{d}$ April..... | 750. | |
| Mechanics Bank 8 Bonds $73.500 Interest 1151.70..... | 74.651.50 | 97.749.86 |
| | Balance | $1724.18 |

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[182] In Common Council April 11$^{th}$ 1831

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|
| Samuel Stevens | Jonathan Seymour |
| Isaac Brown | William Mandeville |
| George D Strong | David Bryson |
| William Seaman | Henry Arcularius |
| Benj$^{n}$ M Brown | Peter S Townsend |
| James N Wells | William Scott |
| Bernard J Meserole | Joseph W Beadle |
| David Marsh | John Rogers |
| Gideon Lee | Thomas Jeremiah |
| James Palmer | Fyler Dibblee |
| Thomas T Woodruff | Peter Cooper |
| | John Lovett |
| | Philip W Engs. |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The following Resignations of Inspectors of the ensuing Election were received and appointments made in their places Viz$^{t}$

John T Banta 8$^{th}$ Ward Resigned, Seth W Washburn—Appointed.

[183] Job Sheldon J$^{r}$ of 8$^{th}$ Ward Resigned, Daniel B Talmadge appointed.

Jacob Acker of 11$^{th}$ Ward Resigned Samuel D Jackson appointed

Upon Motion of Mr Townsend it was agreed that the subject of extending the Lease of the Williamsburgh Ferry be continued over, and be made the order of the day at the next Meeting of the Board.

A Communication was received from Isaac Carrow stating the propriety of postponing the payment of the City 5 per Cent Stock created in 1821 in relation to Foreigners holders of said Stock which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Wilbur Reed for leave to assign his Interest in the Hell Gate Ferry to Stephen Smith was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Daniel Richards & John Voorhees to have Pier No 23 East River set apart for the accommodation of Steam Boats was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the owners of the Steam Boat General Jackson for a Birth at the foot of Warren street, of the New York and Boston Steam Boat Company for the use of the Slip between Piers Nos 15 & 15 East River, and to erect a suitable Office for their use. Also of the Hudson [184] River Steam Boat Company for permission to erect an Office at the foot of Courtlandt Street were severally read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Peter Johnson respecting Stall No 10 Fulton Market, of Lawrence Wiseburn to occupy Stall No 29 Clinton Market of Christian Truss to occupy Stall No 63 Fulton Market, of George M Hartell to transfer Stall No 9 Catharine Market were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of William S Kinch to be appointed a Measurer of Grain, also of William J Wiswall to be appointed one of the City Weighers were read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of William Clark & others owners of property at the foot of Liberty street to have Pine wood removed from the Wharves in that vicinity and that the Wharves may not be assigned for the use of Steam Boats without Petitioners consent was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Hiram Scofield to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Assessment was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[185] A Remonstrance of Dennis Gillespie and also of Jonathan Harned & others against widening William street from Old Slip to Exchange street were read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of a number of Farmers residing on Long Island praying

that a Third Boat may be put on the Williamsburgh Ferry was read and Laid on the Table.

A Remonstrance of John Cowman and others also of Cornelius T Williams against opening 16th Street from 3d to 6th Avenue were read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance of Isaac G Pearson and others against the Location of the Oil House in Mercer street was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of John D Keese & others to have Barclay street paved from Church to Greenwich street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of D A Kingsland of Henry Butler of Rupert J Cochran, also of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company to Lease the North Battery at the foot of Hubert street were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[186] The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto Vizt

For paving 14th Street from the Bowery to the 3d Avenue and Abraham Bloodgood Cornelius J Roosevelt & Pine Hopkins Appointed Assessors

For paving Side walks of Grove street from Bleecker to Sixth street and Gideon Tucker Everardus Warner & Gabriel Van Cotts were appointed Assessors

For paving South street from Catharine to Market street and David Lyon, Charles Dusenbury & David Marsh Jr were appointed Assessors.

For paving 10th 11th & 12th Streets from the 5th to the 6th Avenue and John Lozier, Abraham Baudoine & Jacob S Baker were appointed Assessors.

For paving Tompkins street from Grand to Delancy street and Abraham Dally, Samuel Purdy & Peter Ogilvie Junr were appointed Assessors.

For a Well & Pump in Greene street near Amity Lane and Garret Forbes, Peter Stagg & Abraham Lefoy were appointed Assesors.

[187] For a Well & Pump in Bond street and Shivers Parker, Thomas R Smith & Samuel Gilford were appointed Assessors.

A Petition of Stephen Whitney & others for a Drain from State street through Battery Place to the River was read and referred to the Canal Committee.

A Remonstrance of the Trustees of the Scotch Presbyterian Church

against the widening of Pine street between William & Nassau streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Fisherman in Centre Market for a Wood floor in place of the present brick one was read and referred to the Market Committee

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Masters of Vessels praying to be relieved from the payment of Wharfage presented the following Report against the same

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Masters of Vessels employed in the Marketing trade to be relieved from the payment of additional Wharfage over and above their yearly rate—Respectfully

Report.

[188] That the Petitioners represent that in consequence of the unusual quantity of Ice in the Slips they were compelled to remain there with their Vessels for more than Fifteen days successively, by reason of which they have incurred Wharfage in addition to the yearly rates paid by them, and they pray the Common Council that such additional Wharfage may not be collected from them by the Lessee of the District, Your Committee are of opinion that the Common Council have nothing to do with this matter and that it rests entirely between the Lessee of the District and the Petitioners. They offer therefore the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant any relief on the said Petition.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas C Taylor for a Water Grant at Greenwich presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas C Taylor praying for a Water grant Respectfully Report.

[189] That M$^{r}$ Taylor as the Committee have been informed is now the owner of certain premises granted by the Corporation to the late William Bayard and laying between Great Kill Road and Jane street and between High & Low water mark, and that he has paid up all the arrears due for Quit rent on that property. He now applies for a

grant of the land under Water in front of the said premises, and to extend to the permanent line provided the proprietors on the North side should be compelled to have their grants similarly extended.

The Committee conceive that it would be proper to give to Mr Taylor as the owner of the adjacent land, a grant in the usual manner, and on the usual terms without reference to what may be done respecting any other property. They offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board prepare a Grant to Mr Taylor in conformity with this Report he paying the expences thereof, and that the same be authenticated during the recess of the Board.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Hertell to commute [190] for a portion of Quit rent on a Water Grant bounded by Chamber, Reed, Washington & West streets presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Thomas Hertell that he may be permitted to commute the Water rent reserved and payable on a certain portion of a Water grant formerly issued by the Common Council

Respectfully Report.

That on examination of the reasons which have induced the application of the Petitioner it appears that on the 16th of November 1807 a grant was issued to Wm Rhinelander, for the Land under Water in the block bounded by Chambers, Reed, Washington and West streets, which grant contained a clause, that certain, sums of money should be reserved, and payable annually forever as rent to the Corporation, it further appears that Mr Hertell has become the purchaser of sundry Lots of ground, which lie within the boundaries of the above grant, and is willing to pay such amount of money, by way of commutation as might be chargeable against the Lots of which he is the owner, contained within the said Grant—However desirable it might be to consult the wishes of the petitioner in this matter, it appears to be a settled rule (and has been so laid down in several successive opinions of the Counsel for the Corporation) that the Common Council can accept [191] of a Commutation with safety only when the whole

rent reserved in the grant is to be commuted and paid off, and not upon any subdivisions thereof. Your Committee are compelled to Report against the prayer of the petitioner and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner cannot be granted.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report recommending an Appropriation of $500 for the Rev[d] John Stanford.

The Finance Committee beg leave to Report to the Board that it has been usual for several years past to make an annual Donation to the Rev[d] John Stanford as a Compensation for his valuable services in attending the various Prisons and Public Charitable Institutions of this City as a Minister of the Gospel. That M[r] Stanfords health is now so impaired as to prevent him from performing those duties, and the probability is that his advanced age and infirmities may soon terminate his earthly career; But that it would be proper in the opinion of the Committee in consideration of his past labours, and the great [192] benefit which the community has derived from them to appropriate the usual sum (Five hundred Dollars) for M[r] Stanford, it being now more than One year since a similar appropriation was made, They offer the following Resolution therefore

Resolved That the Comptroller Report a Warrant in favor of the Rev[d] John Stanford for the sum of Five hundred Dollars.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Anthony Lamb.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report relative to the disposition of the Common Lands in the 12[th] Ward.

The Finance Committee respectfully report to the Board, that they have had under consideration such a disposition of the Common Lands in the 12[th] Ward as they think will be most conducive to the public interest. The Commissioners of the Alms House have several Lots under their charge, which are in a state of improvement and the Com-

mittee recommend that they be continued under the same direction. They are as follows. The west part of N° 31 and 32 on the Middle Road. No. 16. 17. 18. 21. 22 at the Cross [193] Road, between the Middle Road & Bloomingdale Road. N° 37. 42. 43 Containing 11¾ Acres on the Middle Road. N° 69. 70. 75. 76. 81 4th Avenue near Pottersfield. N° 106. 111. 112. 117 Hamilton Square.

With respect to the residue which are unappropriated, the Committee believe it to be most judicious to authorize the Comptroller to receive proposals for Leasing them from the first day of May next for 21 years. By placing them in a state of improvement a benefit would arise not only to the Revenue of the City, but individuals may be induced to cultivate the Land, and render it advantageous to themselves and the Community.

The following Resolutions are therefore proposed.

Resolved that the Lots of Common Land above mentioned under the charge of the Commissioners of the Alms House, be continued under the same direction.

Resolved that the Finance Committee be authorised to receive proposals for Leasing the following Lots of Common Land for 21 years from the 1st day of May next and that they Report to the Board previous to completeing the contracts. Lots N° 84. 85. 91. 129. 156 159. 161. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 171. 173. 175. 177. 187. 188.

W Seaman
G. Lee
Peter J Nevius
Benjamin M Brown

Whereupon the Report was Approved & the Resolution Adopted

[194] The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Gwyer & John H Lyons for exchange of Butchers Stalls in Washington Market presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert Gwyer and John H Lyons for exchange of Butchers Stalls in Washington Market

Respectfully Report.

That the above Petition is accompanied with the necessary transfers, and they accordingly offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to Robert Gwyer for

Stall N° 28 Washington Market and to John H Lyon for Stall N° 53 Washington Market

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
W Seaman
David Marsh
Jon[a] Seymour
B. J Meserole

Which was read and Approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of the Members of Fire Engine C° N° 42 for a New Engine presented the following Report in favor of the same.

[195] The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Fire Engine C° N° 42 for a new Engine Respectfully Report.

That they have caused the said Engine to be examined and it is pronounced to be not worth repairing, they accordingly offer the following for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that the Superintendent of Repairs under the direction of the Committee on the Fire Department furnish Fire Engine Company N° 42 with a New Engine.

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
John Rogers
P. W Engs
James Palmer
William Scott
Samuel Stevens

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of James Killen to be relieved from an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of James Killen to be relieved from an erroneous Tax Respectfully

[196] Report

That M[r] Killen appeared before the Committee and testified that he was Taxed on his property N° 74 Ludlow street in the 10[th] Ward,

& that he was not allowed his privilege as an Artillerist. The Certificate of the Assessors admits that they did not allow the deduction from the Tax on Mr Killens property in consequence of his being an Artillerist

Mr Killin testified that he spoke to the Assessors and informed them that he was an Artillerist while they were making their Assessment but that through inadvertence they omitted to mention it. The Committee offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax on $500, from that Assessed on the property of *James* [John] Killin at No 74 Ludlow street in the 10th Ward be and the same is hereby remitted

George D Strong
Jonas Seymour
Henry Arcularius
Thos Jeremiah
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Hall to be relieved [197] from the payment of Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Hall to be relieved from Tax Respectfully Report.

That Mr Hall appeared and testified that he was Taxed on a House in Clarkson street for $1000 and that he did not own any House in said Street

The Certificate of the Assessors is hereto annexed, and states that they by mistake assessed a House at the Corner of Varick & Clarkson streets belonging to Mr Hall on both streets and that the Assessment in Clarkson street on $1000 is an error—Your Committee therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Tax on a House in Clarkson street Assessed to Joseph Hall on $1000, in the 9th Ward be and the same is hereby remitted

George D Strong
Jonas Seymour
Henry Arcularius
Thomas Jeremiah
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Committee on Assesments to whom was referred the Petition of John P Baker to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax presented the [198] following Report in favor of the same

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John P Baker to be relieved from Tax Respectfully Report

That Mr Baker appeared before the Committee and testified that he was Taxed on personal property in the Sixth Ward on $2000, and that he was not worth more than $300,

He further testified that he was in Town while the Assessors Books were open, but that being a labouring man and very imperfectly acquainted with the English language, he did not know of the method of applying to the Assessors for relief.

The Certificate of the Assessors corroborates his statement and the Committee believing him entiled to relief offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of John P. Baker in the 6th Ward be reduced from that on $2000, to that on $300,

George D Strong
Jon[a] Seymour
Henry Arcularius
Thomas Jeremiah
William Scott

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

[199] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Female Assistance Society that a place may be assigned them to Deposit their Fire Wood presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Memorial of the "Female Assistance Society for the relief of Sick poor women & Children" requesting that a place may be assigned them on some of the public grounds to deposit their usual supply of Fire wood

Respectfully Report

That they have had the subject under their consideration and regret that they are compelled to Report adverse to the Petition, forasmuch as that on enquiry there are no grounds belonging to this Corporation that are Vacant or unappropriated that would answer the purposes of that benevolent and highly meritorious Society ranking among the first of the numerous Charitable Institutions in this City. Your Committee therefore submit for consideration the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

[200] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John C Wines & John Raynor to be relieved from an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of John C Wines and John Raynor to be relieved from an erroneous Tax

Respectfully Report

That the Petitioners appeared before the Committee and testified that they were assessed on two Houses and Lots 80½ & 82 Bowery in the 14th Ward on $4500 each, which they asserted was an error, as the Assessors only intended to Tax them on $3500 each and that the Balance of $1000 on each House they prayed to be relieved from the Tax of.

The Certificate of the Assessors hereto annexed admits the Error and the Committee believing them entitled to relief offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax of John C Wines and John Raynor on the House 80½ & 82 Bowery be reduced from that on $4500 to that on $3500 each.

George D Strong
Jon[a] Seymour
Henry Arcularius
Thomas Jeremiah
William Scott.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

[201] The Special Committee on Pauperism to whom had been referred the subject of Reporting a Revision of the Laws relative to Pauperism and also the suggestions contained in the Report of the Commissioners of the Alms House upon the practacability of improving our present System of the Poor Laws presented a Report which was Laid on the Table and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Special Committee on the sub[j]ect of Pauperism to whom was referred the Communication of Mr James Mease of Philadelphia to the Mayor proposing that the present System of Licensing Pawnbrokers be abolished and that an Establishment be created by the Corporation for the purpose of Loaning small sums of money upon Pledges at the legal Interest of the State presented a Report which was laid for further consideration and directed together with the Communication of Mr Mease to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in Bond street near the Bowery presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was [202] referred the annexed Petition for a Well & Pump in Bond street near the Bowery—Respectfully

Report

That in their opinion a Well & Pump is necessary at that place and therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved that a Well be Dug and built and a pump placed therein in Bond street near the Bowery.

James N Wells
John Rogers
R Graves

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Aldermen & Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in Greene street near Amity Lane presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in Greene street near Amity Lane Respectfully Report.

That in their Opinion a Well is much required at that place and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a Pump placed therein in Green street near Amity Lane.

[203] James N Wells
John Rogers
R Graves.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

On Motion of Mr Arcularius the Report of the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips which was Laid on the Table on the 7th September 1829 relative to building Piers at Harrison Provoost & North Moore streets was called up and read as follows

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips respectfully Report on the several Petitions for building Piers into the North or Hudson River from the foot of Harrison Provoost and North Moore streets respectively and also the remonstrances against the same.

That in accordance with their former Reports they are of the opinion that the necessities of that section of the Water front of the City imperiously require some better accommodations than the present unprotected Bulk head affords, to the Vessels frequenting that place for the delivery of their Cargoes of Lumber fuel &c. For the foregoing considerations, and from a conviction that the public as well as individual interest would be subserved by directing the said Piers to be built at the places designated—Your Committee are induced to recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions.

[204] Resolved that Piers or Wharves be built and extended into the North or Hudson River Two hundred and fifty feet from the foot of Harrison street Provoost street and North Moore street at the individual expence of all the proprietors of Grants of Water Lots lying and fronting on the Hudson river between Jay street and Hubert Street.

Resolved that due notice be given by the Street Commissioner to all the proprietors of the Lots interested in the building of the Piers designated by the foregoing Resolution, that they commence the building of the same on or before the first day of June next and that they be completed within Six months thereafter.

John R Peters
John Lovett
Thomas T Woodruff
David Rogers.

Whereupon the Report was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

On Motion of Alderman Stevens the Report of the Special Committee appointed to confer with the Commissioners of the Alms House in relation to Fuel and Provisions given to the poor and Laid on the Table on 3d March last was called up [205] and read as follows.

The Special Committee appointed on the Resolution of Alderman Stevens to confer with the Commissioners in relation to the fuel and provisions given out to the poor during the late severe weather

Report.

That they had an Interview with the Commissioners, and examined their establishment and mode of relieving the poor; and although the suffering and severe weather has gone by, they yet deem it their duty to present to the Board the result of their observations.

They found that during several days of the cold weather the Commissioners relieved fourteen or fifteen hundred persons—Their donations of wood, for the space of six or seven weeks was about Three thousand loads; and that both vegetables and money to a considerable amount were given out during the same period, and all from the Old Alms House in Chambers street

They remark, that it is desirable that the system of the Commissioners giving to the out door poor, should not be extended; that they should as much as possible confine the public Charities to the Public Alms House, and the fewer exceptions to this rule the better, although unusual severe seasons, like the past, will call for unusual relief.

But the objections to the out door relief, is first; the impossibility of the Commissioners judging of Fourteen hundred cases in a day; and in the next place it [206] leads persons instead of trusting to their labour and industry, to look to this mode of support, more expensive to their friends and the public than their support in the Alms House would be, and no doubt, leads to arts and tricks to impose on the Commissioners and by degrees breaks down the pride of an individual and leads him without remorse to live on Charity. Still the system must probably, to some extent be kept up, and it is desirable to put it on the best footing to accomplish the objects of affording temporary relief to temporary suffering, and to accomplish this end, Your Committee are fully satisfied that the Commissioners Office should be removed to some more central point, in reference to our poor population. The Commissioners by being near to the poor could the more easily have them visited. The sick and the aged could the more conveniently apply to them. No good reason can be offered why the poor should be made to come to this lower end of the City, generally too in the most severe season of the year, and there be obliged to wait on an average two hours before their cases can be enquired into. The Committee in another season should so arrange their department as not to have, as has sometimes been the case, a thousand persons at one time waiting to be relieved.

As relates to fuel, your Committee think that hereafter, coal would be cheaper than wood, and the sooner the poor learn to use it the

better, but [207] on this subject, they would take the opinion of the Commissioners.

As our Alms House cannot accommodate more than has been in it during the last month say 2.600, it becomes necessary, for the reasons above given, to provide for the wants of the out door poor, as well as to provide for the increase of poor growing out of the increase of population, and increase of emigration, and those of a destitute description. An increase of the Alms House accommodations can be had, by making other provision, separate from the Alms House, for the pauper Children; and this measure your Committee earnestly recommend, not only for the above reason, but because the children are at present improperly located.

Our Alms House contains principally in one building 2.600 persons. The children occupy contracted buildings between the Alms House and the Penitentiary, and Female State Prison, and the City Prison or Bridewell, all enclosed by high fences, well calculated to produce the diseases so frequent among these children, and which has rendered some of them blind and paupers for life. The children are of an age when they are or ought to be in high health, and their constitutions made rugged by exercise and exposure, and prepared to be bound out to Merchants and farmers. Their number (attending Schools) amounts to 320 and is a very interesting part of our establishment for the poor.

[208] They are not there from idleness intemperance or crime committed by them.

All proximity to degradation sickness and disease, but more particularly to vice and immorality, should be studiously avoided. In addition to the children who attend school there are 280 others in the house and 200 more at nurse so that it appears there are 480 others who will require soon to be taught in the Alms House School.

Your Committee recommend that a suitable building be erected on the further or Easternmost end of Blackwells Island to accommodate all the poor Children belonging to the Alms House establishment.

They have selected this situation because the children will then be removed from the prisoners and have ample room and because it is a healthfull situation; and they there may be made to do so much labour as will improve their healths and constitutions; and also because the Penitentiary prisoners can principally erect the building with stone of their quarrying, causing but little expence to the City

The Committee in conclusion recommend on the different subjects embraced in this Report.

1st That the Commissioners of the Alms House enquire and report a suitable place for the Commissioners Office for the ensuing year

2d That the Commissioners of the Alms House (if in [209] their judgment they deem it expedient) provide coal and stoves if necessary as a substitute for wood for the ensuing Winter.

And 3d *[—That the Commissioners report to this board a plan for a House & School for the Alm's House Children, and the probable cost in money to erect the Same on Blackwell's Island.]

All which is respectfully submitted

Samuel Stevens
Fyler Dibblee

Whereupon the Report was approved the Resolution amended and adopted.

On Motion the Report of the Street Committee on the subject of widening Ann street from Nassau to William street which was laid on the Table on 4th April last was now called up and read as follows

The Street Committee to whom was referred back their report of the 15th November last on the subject of widening and improving Ann street between Nassau street and William street for their reconsideration, have duly and carefully reviewed the same, with the reasons for and against the improvement by the parties to be principally affected thereby, and although your Committee are decidedly of the opinion that the contemplated improvement would if carried into effect, be attended [210] with material benefit to the owners of the property in that vicinity, as well as to the public generally.

Yet forasmuch as there appears to be a majority of the owners of the property remonstrating against the same. Your Committee are reluctantly induced to submit the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners to have Ann street widened between Nassau street and William Street

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
George D Strong
John Lovett

* Entry supplied from the original document.—Ed.

The Report presented this day was as follows

*[329] The Street Committee respectfully Report on the subject of widening and improving Ann street between Nassau street and William street, that they have given it their further deliberate consideration, and in order to reconcile the various conflicting interests and feelings of the persons particularly affected by such improvement they propose to recommend a partial deviation from their former Report as follows viz[t] That the widening on the Southerly side should terminate at the North west corner of the Dutch Church Yard by which the Fences trees & Vaults belonging to that Church will remain undisturbed the which it is understood will meet the wishes of the remonstrants without materially affecting the improvement—The widening on the Northerly side to remain the same as recommended in their former Report

Your Committee accordingly submit the following Resolutions

Resolved that it is desirable for public convenience that Ann street be widened and improved between Nassau street and William street and the same is hereby ordered to be done.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the said matter and that the Petition for that purpose be authenticated during the recess of the Board.

Thomas T Woodruff
[330] George D Strong
John Lovett
John Rogers
William Scott

Whereupon the Report was Approved and the Resolutions Adopted.

Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolved that the Mayor be authorised for the future to receive such sum over and above the sum of One dollar as he may think fit, as commutation on Alien Passengers arriving in this Port in all cases where Bonds for such passengers may not be given.

Aldermen B M Brown presented the following Resolution which was read and referred [211] to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to enquire into and Report on the expediency at this time of

* Report transferred to this, its natural position.—ED.

carrying into effect the Plan heretofore adopted by the Common Council of building a Stone Pier to conduct the water from the Canal street sewer.

Alderman Lee presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Law Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to a proper Committee to enquire and Report at the next meeting of the Board on the expediency of printing the Journal of the Common Council.

Alderman Lee presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolved that the Finance Committee Report to the next Meeting of the Common Council on the expediency of fixing a graduated Scale of Commutation fees from Alien Passengers, with discretionary powers to the Chief Magistrate in relation to the application of such scale to particular cases.

[212] Mr Recorder presented the following Resolution which was Adopted.

Resolved that the Committee on Public Offices & Repairs be authorized to remove the Privies near the present Jail, and erect a suitable one in the vicinity of the City Hall and that the sum of $1000 be and the same is hereby appropriated for the above purposes.

Mr Rogers presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that Jones and Assylum streets be so regulated and paved as to carry off the Water.

Alderman Palmer presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House, with powers.

Whereas the Common Council having viewed with anxiety the distress among the poor during the last Winter, in consequence of the high price and scarcity of Wood, and believeing that a Stove may be constructed to burn Anthracite Coal which may be of small expence and very useful Therefore Resolved that a premium of Fifty Dollars is hereby offered for a Pattren of the cheapest and best Stove which can be furnished for the use of the poor which will serve the double [213] purpose of warming the Apartments and cooking for the family to be adjudged by a Committee to be appointed by the Common Council.

Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was read and Adopted

Resolved that Joshua Thurston be permitted to Assign his Interest in the Lease N° 253 William street to Henry Anderson and that said Henry Anderson be permitted to assign said Lease by way of Mortgage to Samuel Sparks.

The Recorder presented the following Resolution which was read and Adopted

Resolved that the Common Council of the City of New York respectfully offer to the Honorable the Court for the Correction of Errors the use of the Common Council Chamber, if they shall deem it expedient to hold the next Session in the City of New York.

Resolved that the Honorable the Court shall have lights during the evening furnished by the Common Council in the Library Room in the City Hall for the use of the Members of the Court of Errors.

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor transmit a Copy of these Resolutions, with a Letter of the Chairman of the Library Committee to the Honorable the President of the Court of Errors to be laid before that Honorable Body.

Board Adjourned to Monday next at 5 OClock.

[214] In Common Council April 18. 1831

Present The Honorable Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|
| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D Strong | John Rogers |
| William Seaman | Thomas Jeremiah |
| Benjamin M Brown | Fyler Dibblee |
| James N Wells | John Lovett |
| Bernard J Meserole | Philip W Engs |
| Gideon Lee | |
| James Palmer | |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Approved.

A Letter was received from John T Irving First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas requesting some Arrangements may be made in relation to a Room in which the Court over which he presides [215] may be held, was read and referred to the Committees on Public Offices and Repairs.

A Letter was received from James A Hamilton Esq[r] District Attorney of the United States in relation to accommodations in this City for the Judiciary of the United States and requesting that the subject may be referred to a Committee with whom he may confer—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices and Repairs.

An Invitation was received from Colonel John Trumbell inviting the Members of the Common Council and their families to visit a Collection of Paintings done by himself descriptive of the Military and Civil scenes of the United States during the Revolutionary War &c which was Accepted.

A Monthly Return of the Keeper of the City Prison and Bridewell of persons confined therein was read and referred to the Police Committee.

The Mayor laid before the Board the Copy of a Law for the support and further extension of Common Schools in the City of New York—Also a Law to authorize the Corporation of the City of New York to raise money by Tax both passed 13[th] April 1831 were read and referred to the Law Committee.

[216] A Communication was received from a Committee of the Boston City Guards stating that they intend visiting this City in June next, and asking permission to use the Washington Parade Ground as a place of Encampment, was read and referred to the Committee on Lands & Places with powers.

A Petition of William B Crosby to have that part of Monroe street lying between Jefferson and Clinton streets called Rutgers Place was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of George G Burras for an abatement of Rent of Lot N[o] 265 William street was read and referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of the Ministers &c of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church to alter the line of Ann street was read and Laid on the Table.

A Remonstrance of William Higgins and others against widening the Side walks of Barclay street from Church to Greenwich street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial of George Ireland for permission to transfer Leases of Lots N[os] 59. 61 & 63 [217] Chatham street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial of Hannah Murray relative to repairing the Pier forming the Northern Boundary of Albany Basin was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Ebenezer Clark to be appointed a City Weigher was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Isaac Stevens for pay for materials furnished for Building the Rotunda was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the Inhabitants in the neighborhood of Grand Street Market to reduce the side walks on South side of Grand street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Townsend for time to pay the purchase money of property bought by him in the 9th Ward was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Hinton and a [218] number of others residing on 20th Street to have the Assessment for paving the same from 6th to 9th Avenue postponed, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of the Lamp lighters for the continuation of a quarter of a Cent per Lamp for seven Months in the year was read and referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition of Fire Engine Co No 46 to have 25th Street regulated to 3d Avenue also for a Lamp was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Henry Batterman to be appointed a Measurer of Grain was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Petition of John P. Roome & others to have two Trees removed from the side walk of Bedford street in front of Lot No 102 was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Trenchard for the Office of Street Inspector of the 12th Ward was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

[219] A Remonstrance of the President and Directors of the Town of Bushwick, and a number of others, Also a Remonstrance of 1339 Citizens against extending the Lease of the Williamsburgh Ferry were read and Laid on the Table, afterward called up and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Gilbert Coutant Register in and for the City and County to have some Old Records re-bound, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Jonathan Lovejoy for the Lease of the Red Fort foot of Hubert street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Henry Cochran for payment of Monies due on his Contract for paving Coenties Slip from Front to South street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial of Kenneth H Fish on the subject of supplying the City with good and wholesome water was read and referred to the Water and Fire Department Committees.

The Road Committee presented the following Report on the subject of Repairing the Roads accompanied [220] with an Ordinance for an appropriation for the same.

The Road Committee respectfully recommend the adoption and passage of the annexed Ordinance for an appropriation of Monies for defraying the expences in repairing Roads the ensuing season

G Lee
Samuel Stevens
John Lovett
B. J. Meserole

Which was approved and the Ordinance passed in the words following.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened—That the sum of Five thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the repairing and improving the Roads and Highways on this Island.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Townsend to postpone for the term of one year the payment of Monies due the Corporation presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Townsend to postpone for the term of one year the payment of the sum of [221] $1310,$^{71}/_{100}$ due by him to the Corporation

Respectfully Report

That on examination they find the following to be the facts, in relation to this matter—At the sale of Lots for Assessments which took place on the 22$^{d}$ of last month, the petitioner bid off four several Lots of ground viz Two on the Bowery between 8$^{th}$ & 9$^{th}$ Streets, One on the Northerly side of 8$^{th}$ Street, and One on the Southerly side of 8$^{th}$ Street, extending to Lafayette place, and Art Street, the whole amount of which purchases is the above mentioned sum of $1310,$^{71}/_{100}$ That the terms of sale were made known to all bidders viz, That the amounts due, and for which the Lands were sold, should be paid

immediately after the close of the Sale, this your Committee have ascertained was known to the Petitioner at the time of his bidding and no reason exists why he should not comply with the terms of the Sale in like manner with all other purchasers.

They offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be not granted and that the Counsel to the Board adopt the necessary measures to Collect from him the Amount due

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee

Which was Approved and the Resolution Adopted

[222] The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel W Kissam for the apportionment of Assessment in Opening 5th Avenue from 13th to 21st Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of D W Kissam for the subdivision of an Assessment Respectfully

Report.

That in the proceedings, had before the Supreme Court for opening the 5h Avenue from 13th to 21st Street a plot of ground, lying on the West side of the 5th Avenue and between 19th and 20th Streets was charged as belonging to Alexander Hamilton in the sum of $296,81/100 that the said piece of ground has since been laid out into Lots and sold under a decree in Chancery—That the petitioner is the present owner of Four Lots, James H Lyons of Two Lots and Nicholas Stripple of Two Lots which 8 Lots comprise all the ground included in the Assessment and they are willing to pay respectively their just proportion. Your Committee have made a Division of the same as follows.

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| To D W Kissam on 4 Lots | $115.87 |
| J H Lyons on 2 Lots | 80.05 |
| N H Stripple on 2 Lots | 100.89 |
| | $296.81 |

[223] and interest thereon respectively from November 1st 1830

This apportionment, has been laid before all the parties concerned, and is approved by them all—Your Committee would therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Collector is hereby directed to receive the

amounts in the manner, and from the persons above named, and that he give them receipts in full for the same.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

On Motion the Report of the Ferry Committee on the Williamsburgh Ferry together with the Remonstrances on the subject were referred to the Ferry Committee.

Upon the Petition of William Reed for leave to assign his Interest in the Hell Gate Ferry to Stephen Smith presented at the last Meeting and referred to the Ferry Committee it was Resolved that Authority be given to the Committee to direct the Assignment to be made if in their opinion proper.

The Report of the Ferry Committee on the Petition of S & R M Blackwell for extension of their Lease of Hell Gate Ferry presented on 4th April and laid on [224] the table was called up and read as follows Vizt

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petition of S & R M Blackwell for an extension of the Lease of the Hell Gate Ferry

Respectfully Report

That the Committee at the request of the Messrs Blackwells visited the Ferry at Hell Gate and found it in good order and well attended.

It appears by the Statement of the Messrs Blackwells which the Committee believe Correct, that they have expended on the Ferry, in pursuance of the directions of the Common Council during the past year $2864.41 being an excess of $664,41 over and above the sum allowed by the Corporation—In consequence of the above expenditure and in consideration of the loss of nine months business while the Ferry was undergoing repairs, the Petitioners request the Common Council to grant them an extension of the Lease of the said Ferry for the term of Six years in addition to the remaining Nine years from the first of April next for which they at present hold a Lease.

The Ferry has now been in operation for a period of nine Months since the Repairs have been completed, and although the proprietors have two good Boats in operation, and in every respect the Ferry has been conducted under the most favorable circumstances for the accommodation of travellers, yet the Receipts have not [225] exceeded if they have reached two thirds of the interest of the money expended

on the Ferry, and the actual expences attendant on its ordinary operation.

Independent of the sums paid for the Boats and fixtures which constitute the Capital of the proprietors in the Ferry, they have for the last two years given their personal exertions, and have not calculated the same in the amount for which they have failed to receive two thirds of the Interest. Judging therefore from the past, the Committee are warranted in concluding that it will be several years before the Ferry will be sufficiently productive to cover its actual expenses and the interest of the money originally invested. From the above statement, the Committee do not hesitate to avow the opinion that the request of the Petitioners is reasonable and proper, and ought to be granted. It is unnecessary to enter into detail of the various reasons which might be urged in favor of granting to the proprietors the desired extension, as the Justice and propriety of preventing them from persuing a ruinous business merely to accommodate the public will be apparent and need not be urged.

On the other hand, it is for the interest of the whole community that the various Avenues to our City, should be in the best possible condition, and that every facility should be afforded to the free ingress and egress of the residents of the surrounding Country.

While therefore justice to the liberal proprietors [226] of the Hell Gate Ferry can be extended without detriment to the interests of the community, the Committee believe it will be cheerfully afforded by the Board.

They therefore offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Lease of the Hell Gate Ferry be extended for the term of Six years in addition to the term for which it is now held by Samuel Blackwell subject to an annual Rent of One hundred Dollars and that the Counsel of the Board prepare a Lease to the Messrs Blackwells in conformity with the above conditions.

Bernard J Meserole
George D Strong
John Rogers

Alderman Strong presented a Resolution as a substitute for the foregoing Report which after some discussion was referred together with this Report *was referred* to the Ferry Committee.

On Motion of Mr Engs the Report of the Law Committee relative to Interments in Private Vaults was made the order of the day at the next Meeting of the Board.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen, the Resignations were accepted [227] and Appointments made—Viz[t]

Fire Engine C[o]

N[o] 2

Robert Thorburn Chair Painter 9 Water S[t]
V[c] Ogden Price—Resigned

Jacob A Van Zant—Physician C[or] Hester & Forsyth S[t]
V[c] John G C Lord Resigned.

N[o] 3

John Brisco—Wheelwright Eldridge S[t] V[c] James Ford—Resigned

N[o] 5

William A Baker—Copper smith 172 Front S[t]
V[c] Joseph B Bradshaw Resigned

N[o] 7

John Richards—Sail Maker 16 Rose Street
V[c] Allen Waddle Resigned

N[o] 14

Peter M Ottignon Clerk 225 Greenwich S[t]
V[c] John Steples—Resigned

N[o] 16

John Watts—Carpenter 81 Rivington S[t]
V[c] William C Titus App[d] Warden
Samuel C Titus
Thomas S Johnson
William Van Dewater } Resigned
Thomas Halliday

N[o] 26

Charles H Haswell Merch[t] Clinton S[t] To fill Company

[228] N[o] 33

James Blackwell—Weelwright 375 Cherry S[t]
V[c] James Olwell—Resigned

N[o] 34

Charles E Martin Painter Hudson near Grove S[t]
Thomas Williams Painter Hudson near Grove S[t] } to fill Company.

N° 36

William E Cozine Carpenter 31 King S^t^
V° Richard S Roome Resigned

N° 37

James Lawrence Resigned

N° 39

R John Everitt—Lawyer. C^or^ Broadway & Liberty S^t^
James Shiells Tin Smith 13 Stone S^t^
} to fill Company

N° 42

William Byrne—98 Cherry S^t^— to fill Company

Hook & Ladder C° N° 1

Samuel Turner—Book binder Washington S^t^ to fill Company.

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz^t^

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz^t^

| N° | | | | | |
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| 1. | Doc^r^ Charles Graham | Owner | | N side of 10^th^ Street | Lots |
| 2. | Do | " | | " 11^th^ Street | Do |
| 3. | Do | " | | 11^th^ S^t^ cor 5^th^ Avenue | " |
| 4. | James Patten | " | | S side Bank S^t^ | " |
| 5. | Samuel Thompson | " | | Bank & Bethune S^t^ | " |
| 6. | [229] Felix ONeil | " | 149-150 | Anthony S^t^ | " |
| 7. | John L Dillon | " | 489 | Pearl | Do |
| 8. | Jonathan Earl | " | 71 | Canal S^t^ | A Privy |
| 9. | John R Livingston | " | 62 | Cross S^t^ | " |
| 10. | Do | " | 64 | Do | " |
| 11. | Felix O Neil | " | 149 | Anthony S^t^ | " |
| 12. | Soloman Wheeler | " | 145 | Hester S^t^ | " |
| 13. | Benjamin R Kissam | " | 24 | Batavia S^t^ | " |
| 14 | Samuel Weed | " | 85 | Grand S^t^ | " |
| 15. | Eliza Snethen | " | 16 | Batavia S^t^ | " |
| 16. | Joseph Moore | " | 14 | " | " |
| 17. | Do | " | 12 | " | " |
| 18. | Flora Fraser | " | 8 | " | " |
| 19. | William S Furman | " | 64 | Roosevelt S^t^ | " |
| 20. | Do | " | 66 | " | " |
| 21. | W^m^ & G Post | " | 199 | South S^t^ | " |
| 22. | John G Coster | " | 197 | " | " |
| 23. | " | " | 198 | " | " |

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| 24 | John G Coster | Owner | 385 | Water St | A Privy |
| 25 | " | " | 387 | " | " |
| 26. | William Lord | " | 196 | South St | " |
| 27. | Ebenezer Clark | " | 102 | Leonard St | " |
| 28. | " | " | 98 | " | " |
| 29. | William Appleby | " | 198 | Division St | " |
| 30. | David E Embre | Lessee | 126 | Liberty St | " |
| 31. | Charles Taylor | owner | 140 | Greenwich St | " |
| 32. | Jamima Buckley | " | 9 | Oak St | " |
| 33. | [230] Patrick Doyle | " | 139 | Anthony St | " |
| 34. | James Burgess | agent | 26 | Centre St | " |
| 35 | Jordan Wright | owner. | 298 | Pearl St | " |

I Warren City Inspector.

Which were passed.

The Counsel presented the following Report relative to opening Stuyvesant street.

The Counsel of the Board respectfully Reports—That inasmuch as Stuyvesant street in the Eleventh Ward, which has lately been created by Law, one of the public streets of this City and has been ordered to be opened by the Common Council, is not one of the Streets laid out by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads under the Act of April 3d 1807 and is not situated in that part of the City not so laid out by the said Commissioners, the terms of the law authorising the opening of Streets by Commissioners of Estimate and Assessments do not apply to it; and that it would not be safe to proceed with such contemplated opening without first obtaining an Act of the Legislature declaring that the said Law shall apply to the said street—The following Resolution is therefore respectfully submitted for the consideration of the Board

"Resolved that the Counsel to the Board be and he is hereby authorized to take such measures as may be necessary to obtain the passage of such an [231] Act before the adjournment of the present Legislature"

R Emmet

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Committee on Repairs and the Comptroller presented the following Report on the Accounts of Jacob P Roome from 7th July 1830 to 18th January 1831

The Committee on Repairs and the Comptroller respectfully Report that they have examined the accounts of Jacob P. Roome superintendent of Repairs from July 7. 1830 to January 18. 1831.

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| The Balance due the Corporation as per his last Act[t] was..... | $71.81 |
| since which he has rec[d] by Warrants on the Treasury..... | 23.082. |
| and for Articles sold by him..... | 343.44 |
| Total..... | $23.497.25 |
| He has paid out for public Act[t] agreeably to the vouchers (140 in number) presented to and examined by the Committee of Repairs | 23.420.03 |
| Leaving Balance due the Corporation January 18[th] 1831..... | $77.22 |

Your Committee requested the Superintendent of Repairs to inform them of the objects of expenditure to which the money received by him had been applied, under the Heads of account, on which his drafts had been made; referring to that of Repairs more particularly than any other, and the following statement was thereupon furnished.

Sir

The following is the statement of the [232] Superintendent of Repairs as per your request for the year 1830.

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| Fire Department. Repairs of Engines & Hose building & repairing Engine Houses..... | 17.641 | |
| Building Two new Engines & Hose..... | 1.600 | |
| | | $19.241. |
| Docks & Slips—Repairs to in general..... | | 4.907. |
| Markets Repairs additions, enclosures, Caulking cellars—Painting Whitewashing—Lime for Hot season Bell ropes &c..... | | 3.516. |
| Wells & Pumps—Repairs & new Pumps $4053..... | | 4.053. |
| rec[d] for new Wells & Pumps by Assessment 2,672.40 | | |
| City Hall. Repairs to and cleaning inside & outside..... | | 1.213. |
| Streets—Sign boards, numbers, Bridges & putting up..... | | 90. |
| Debtors Jail ..... | | 300. |
| Alterations to Bridewell..... | | 138. |
| Repairs—The Item of Repairs comprehend—Coals for Blacksmiths. Iron for & wages of do Paints Oil & glass, Painters wages, Hardware Boards & Plank, Cabinet work, Carpets, Clock &c for Sessions Hall, Carpenters work at City Hall and Jail Fences & Tree boxes at Park Battery & Washington Parade ground, Horses Carts & Labourers to drive & take care of them Hay Oats &c Laborers & Gate Keeper, cleaning & repairing Ward Courts—Repairs to Sewers..... | | 8.443. |
| Alms House & Bridewell..... | | 430. |
| Lamps ..... | | 2.154. |
| [233] Watch ..... | | 113. |
| Total amount drawn for is..... | | $44.598. |

Jacob P Roome

March 1831

By which it will be perceived that the account of Repairs has been used as a sort of absorbent of all the charges which could not con-

venlently be divided or placed under any other specific head, and c[o]nsequently increased to an amount which might be deemed unreasonable without this or a similar explanation

All which is respectfully submitted by

Thomas T Woodruff
James N Wells
William Mandeville
G. N Bleecker Comptroller

Which was ordered to be filed.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Seth Geer and others for permission to inclose a Court of fifteen feet wide in front of the Buildings to be erected fronting on Lafayette Place presented the following Report in favor of the same accompanied with an Ordinance on the subject.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Seth Geer and others owners of Lots fronting on Lafayette Place requesting that they may be permitted to inclose a Court of [234] fifteen feet wide in front of all the Buildings to be erected on that Street or Place.

Respectfully Report.

That they have duly considered the subject and are satisfied that the request of the Petitioners is in accordance with an express understanding of all the owners of the grounds through which that Street was opened in 1826 with the then Corporation and was the principal inducement in opening it 100 feet wide, that they might have elegant and spacious Courts in front of their buildings leaving the unobstructed width of the Street 70 feet and which your Committee believes is sufficiently wide for all the purposes of a public way—And as the proposed plan of Buildings when carried in effect will be highly Ornamental to our City, and inasmuch as the public interests will not in any respect be injured by granting the request of the Petitioners and accordingly submit for consideration the following Resolution and draft of an Ordinance in accordance therewith.

Resolved that the request of the Petitioners be granted and that the Law or Ordinance of which a draft is hereunto annexed be passed.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
Geo: D Strong
John Lovett.

[235] Which was approved, the Resolution adopted and the ordinance passed under the Title of "a Law relative to La Fayette place."

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the Side walks of Hammond Street paved from Assylum to Factory street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have the side walks of Hammond Street paved from Asylum street to Factory street

Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the side walks of Hammond street be paved from Asylum to Factory street

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of owners of property in Pine street to have the same widened between William & Nassau street presented a Report in favor of the same which was read and Laid on the Table.

[236] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Owners of property to have William street widened from Old Slip to Exchange street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of sundry persons to have William street widened and improved between Stone street and Exchange street and the remonstrances against the same Respectfully Report.

That they have given the subject their deliberate consideration and are of the opinion that it would be a great public improvement as well as individual benefit to have that part of William street widened it being a great thoroughfare and is only on an Average at present but about 28 feet is often rendered impassible for Carts but with great delay and inconvenience.

Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions.

Resolved that it is desirable for public convenience that William street be widened and improved between Exchange street and Stone street according to a Map or plan herewith submitted and marked A and the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court [237] for the appointment of Commis-

sioners of Estimate and Assessment in the said matter and that the Petition for that purpose be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong
John Lovett.

Which was Approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Watch Committee presented a Report on the resignation of Abraham Blauvelt as Captain of the 1st District City Watch and recommending Daniel Fisher as a suitable person in his place.

The Watch Committee present to the Common Council the annexed resignation of Abraham Blauvelt as Captain of the 1st District Watch to take effect on the 1st day of May next, the Committee recommend Daniel Fisher as a suitable person to fill that vacancy—The following Resolution is therefore offered

Resolved that the resignation of Abraham Blauvelt as Captain of the 1st District Watch be accepted and that Daniel Fisher be and he is hereby appointed a Captain of the 1st District Watch in the place of Abraham Blauvelt resigned.

John Lovett
David Bryson
[238] Jona. Seymour

Whereupon the Board proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill the station of Captain of the 1st District City Watch when on counting the Ballots it appeared that Daniel Fisher had a majority of Votes and he was declared duly elected.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the subject of Leasing part of Lot N° 106 Reede street not wanted for an Engine House presented the following Report.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Leasing of that part of Lot N° 106 Reede street not wanted for Engine House N° 6

Respectfully Report.

That they caused application to be made through their Chairman to the Corporation of Trinity Church for a renewal of the Lease, and they have obtained a renewal for Twenty one years commencing at the expiration of the present viz[t] on 1st May 1835 at the yearly rent of One hundred and twenty five Dollars, that the Fire Engine House ordered to be built by the Common Council is nearly finished & that

Mr Andrew Stevens has offered One hundred Dollars per Annum for that part of Lot not wanted for the Fire Company including four feet in the rear of the House for the term for which the Corporation have Leased the same, this price in the opinion of your Committee is a [239] fair one and ought to be accepted, they accordingly offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved that a Lease be granted to Andrew Stevens for Twenty five years commencing 1st May 1831 at One hundred Dollars per annum for that part of Lot No 106 Reede street as may not be wanted for Fire Engine House No 6 and that the same be authenticated during the recess of the Board

Benjamin M Brown
James Palmer
John Rogers
P. W Engs
Samuel Stevens

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mrs Smith widow of the late Lemuel Smith Corporation Attorney for a balance due the estate of her late husband presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Mrs Smith widow of Lemuel Smith Esqr deceased late Attorney to the Corporation praying that a Balance due to the estate of her late husband by the Corporation for Costs on sundry suits might be paid to her Respectfully Report

[240] That they have caused the particulars of this claim to be examined by the Counsel of the Board who has procured a statement of the different suits and of the amount of Costs claimed in each case which statement is hereunto annexed and which he has ascertained to be correct—It appears that the costs due Mrs Smiths estate in those cases amount to $202.61 against which there stands a balance of $90.55 due by Mr Smith to the Corporation on his Account for the month of June 1830 making the balance now due by the Corporation to the Estate of Mr Smith amount to $112.61

The Committee have also caused due enquiry to be made as to the legal right of the present petitioner Mrs Smith to receive this balance and it appears that administration has been duly granted to her upon her husbands estate which makes her the proper person to receive the same. The Committee therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of Mrs

Smith widow of Lemuel Smith Esq$^{r}$ dec$^{d}$ and administratrix of his Estate for the sum of One hundred and twelve Dollars and Sixty one cents being the balance due such estate by the Corporation

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
[241] G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment for opening 5$^{th}$ Street from Broadway to Mercer street which was read. Whereupon a Warrant was directed to issued to Thomas Cottrell the Collector thereof.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving Side walks of Hammond street from Asylum to Factory street which was passed and John Slidell & Reuben Munson & Jedediah B Leister were appointed Assessors.

Alderman Lee presented the following Resolutions the first was Adopted and the last referred to the Police Committee.

I Resolved that all Petitions Resolutions or other paper referred to any Committee be attached to the Report of such Committee and that no Report be received by the Common Council without such original paper of referrence accompanying such Report.

II. Resolved that in all cases of reference with powers it shall be the duty of the Committee or the [242] Officer as the case may be, to whom such referrence was made to Report to the Common Council their doings in the premises.

Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 7$^{th}$ 10$^{th}$ & 13$^{th}$ Wards:

Resolved that the 4$^{th}$ District Assistant Justices Court be removed to some more Central part of the District.

Alderman Lee presented the following Resolution which was Adopted.

Resolved that the Commissioners of the Alms House be requested to detach Thirty prisoners from Blackwells Island to work on the 3$^{d}$ Avenue and that they be empowered to appoint a suitable number of Keepers to take charge of them.

M$^{r}$ Dibblee presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips & Street Committee.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips together with the Street Committee to enquire and Report on the expediency of paving or McAdamising the Wharves & Piers of this City in order that the same may be kept dry and Clean.

[243] Alderman Lee presented the following Resolution which was read and Adopted

Resolved that it be the duty of the Clerk of the Common Council to furnish to each Member Elect (and not being a Member of the present Board) as soon as may be One Copy of the Revised Statutes, One Copy of the compilation of State Laws particularly relating to this City, One Copy of the original City Charter, One Copy of the amended Charter, One Copy of the most approved City Map, One Copy of all the existing Ordinances & Resolutions having the force of Ordinances, and one Copy of the Common Council Register of 1830.

Mr Rogers presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that Broadway be repaved from Houston to Bleecker street.

The Report of the Road Committee relative to working the 10th Avenue which was laid on the Table on the 10th January last was now called up and read as follows.

The Road Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry persons to have the 10th Avenue worked into a Convenient road or Carriage way [244] between the 52d & 71st Streets Respectfully Report

That they advertised for and received estimates for working the said Avenue varying from $5950 to $1,175 and they are of opinion that for public convenience and individual accommodation that Avenue ought to be made into a passable Road, inasmuch as that it has been opened for many years and rendered passible only to 52d Street and as the sum for which the work can be performed is much less than was anticipated Your Committee think it would be advisable to enter into a Contract for the same at the lowest estimate and accordingly submit the following for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved that the Tenth Avenue be worked into a convenient Road between the Fifty first and Seventieth [Streets] at an expence not exceeding Eleven hundred and Seventy five Dollars.

G Lee
Jno Rogers
John Lovett

Whereupon the Report was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The following Report of Cash Account was received from the Comptroller

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| [245] Balance as per Act$^{t}$ 4$^{th}$ Inst$^{t}$ | 1724.18 |
| Rec$^{d}$ for Tax of 1830 | 22.300. |
| " " Rents | 6.273.75 |
| " " Streets | 4.114.24 |
| " " Justices Courts | 538.05 |
| " " Police Office | 514.05 |
| " " Arrears of Tax | 461.89 |
| " " Tavren Licences | 421. |
| " " Commutation Alien Passengers | 158. |
| " " County Contingencies Sales at Public Yard | 111.54 |
| " " Wells & Pumps $60. Mayoralty fees $48 | 108. |
| " " Fines of Attorney | 22.49 |
| | $36.747.19 |

40 Accounts Audited & directed to be Paid

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|---|---|
| Blauvelt & Stewart—Watch 1$^{st}$ Dis$^{t}$ | 1392.12 |
| Astin & Field Do 2$^{d}$ " | 1043.50 |
| Stagg & Herring Do 3$^{d}$ " | 1049.18 |
| R Graves S$^{t}$ Com$^{r}$ 1 Qu$^{r}$ Salary 1 April | 500. |
| G. B Smith Ass$^{t}$ S$^{t}$ Com$^{r}$ " 15 Apr$^{l}$ | 500. |
| J Morton Clerk C C for Hack & postage Act$^{s}$ | 48.70 |
| A Leggett Super Mud Scow 2 weeks to 17 Ap$^{l}$ | 147.55 |
| H Meigs Justice 5. 8. 14 Wards Salary 1 Feb$^{y}$ to 15 March | 195.53 |
| J Fleming Treas$^{r}$ p$^{d}$ Witneses Ordered by Court | 35. |
| W D Hugh[e]s Sunday service 14 Ward 14 days to 4 April | 21. |
| Dennis Brink Do 3 Ward 13 days to 1 April | 19.50 |
| John Colvill Coroner 1 Qu$^{r}$ 1 April | 528.23 |
| Jacob Odell Rent for Land 3$^{d}$ Avenue 1 Year 1 April | 50. |
| [246] R Pettigrew Act$^{t}$ reg 5$^{th}$ S$^{t}$ fm Avenue A to Avenue C | 5000. |
| P McBarron pav$^{g}$ Side walks Houston & Norfolk S$^{ts}$ | 224.39 |
| T Cummings Act$^{t}$ pav$^{g}$ 20$^{th}$ S$^{t}$ fm 6$^{th}$ to 9$^{th}$ Avenue | 200.00 |
| J Pollock Act$^{t}$ reg 7$^{th}$ Avenue fm Greenwich Lane to 21$^{st}$ S$^{t}$ | 170.00 |
| S Fargay Act$^{t}$ repav$^{g}$ Eldridge fm Division to Hester S$^{t}$ | 100. |
| Geo: B Smith Surveys &c 1 Q$^{r}$ 1 April | 84.74 |
| P McBarron damages on pavement broken in Hester S$^{t}$ | 45. |
| T Brownell 1$^{st}$ pay$^{t}$ Iron Pump to Wells in Madison Thompson & Crosby S$^{t}$ | 87.73 |
| P McGlinn for Well Madison near Pike S$^{t}$ removed | 60. |
| P McGlinn 1$^{st}$ pay$^{t}$ Well Crosby near Bleecker S$^{t}$ | 39. |
| J McBarron 1$^{st}$ pay$^{t}$ Well Thompson near Bleecker S$^{t}$ | 18.75 |
| R Graves S$^{t}$ Com$^{r}$ Act$^{t}$ expences Lands & Places | 500. |
| R Graves Do Act$^{t}$ of Bell for City Hall | 1500. |
| R Graves Do Act$^{t}$ fitting up Old Alms House | 3200. |
| Woodruff & Barnes bal on the build$^{g}$ enclosing Reservoir in 13$^{th}$ S$^{t}$ | 1873.25 |

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| John R Murray return Costs on 2 Houses & Lots Laurens St sold for Taxes | | | 8. | |
| Jacob P. Roome Super Repairs for Watch | | | 56. | |
| J. P. Roome | Do | Alms House | 86. | |
| J. P. Roome | Do | Lamps | 300. | |
| J. P. Roome | Do | Pumps | 325. | |
| J. P. Roome | Do | Fire Department | 449. | |
| J. P. Roome | Do | Repairs | 456. | |
| Revd John Stanford—ordered 11 April | | | 500. | |
| J Oothout Treasr Bank for savings Interest on Bonds 1 Qr 1 April | | | 3750. | |
| Jas Blackwell Interest on Bond & Actt of Principal | | | 2212.50 | |
| [247] B Ferris Atty to pay 9 persons for building Rotunda, | | | 3540.44 | |
| A Burtis Super Alms House for Alms House | | | 5000.00 | 35.316.11 |
| | | | Balance | $1431.08 |

Board Adjourned to 25th *May* [April] at 5 O Clock P M

[248] In Common Council April 25. 1831

Present—The Honbl Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|
| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D Strong | William Scott |
| William Seaman | Joseph W Beadel |
| Benjamin M Brown | John Rogers |
| James N Wells | Thomas Jeremiah |
| Bernard J Meserole | Fyler Dibblee |
| Gideon Lee | John Lovett |
| James Palmer | Philip W Engs |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last Meeting was read and Approved

The following Communication was received from Major General Morton on subject of delivery of the Fort at the foot of Hubert street called the North Battery which were read and it was Resolved that the *the* several Documents in relation thereto be entered at length on the Minutes and afterward filed in the Comptrollers Office.

[249] The Law of Congress is in the words following

*[Whereas the Mayor and Corporation of the City of New York, on the sixth May, one thousand eight hundred and eight, did convey to the United States, a lot of land at the foot of Hubert street, in

* Supplied from the *Acts passed at the First Session of the Twenty-First Congress of the United States.*—Ed.

the City of New York, called the North Battery, " so long as the same should be used and applied to the defence and safety of the port of New York, and no longer."

Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, whenever the President of the United States shall determine that the said lot is no longer useful for the purposes aforesaid, he be, and he hereby is, authorized to cause the same to be re-conveyed to the Mayor and Corporation of New York, the works thereon to be dismantled, and the materials thereof to be disposed of, in such manner as, in his judgment, the public interest may require. Approved, May 10, 1830.]

Order from the War Department

Department of War March 28. 1831

Sir

You will direct the Commanding Officer of the Eastern Department to deliver to the Corporation of New York the North Battery (in conformity to an Act of Congress passed at its last Session) as soon as the Ordnance and Quarter Masters Stores can be removed from the premises.

very Respectfully

P G Randolph

Acting Secry of War

Major General

Alexr MacComb

[250] Letter from General Scott to the Mayor.

Head Quarters Eastern Department of the Army—

New York April 22. 1831

Sir

I have the honor to Report that I shall be ready on demand, after this day to deliver to the Honorable the Corporation of New York "The North Battery" in conformity with the Act of Congress & instructions received by me to that effect.

Major Henry Stanton Quarter Master of the United States Army whose Office is in No 61 Washington street is appointed by me to make the delivery to any person who may be designated to receive the Battery.

I have the Honor to be Sir with high respect

Your Obt Servant

Winfield Scott

His Honor

The Mayor of New York

Sir:

Head Qrs. Eastern Dep't of Army,
New York, April 22, 1831.

I have the honour to report, that I shall be ready, on demand, after this day, to deliver to the Honorable, the Corporation of New York, "The North Battery" in conformity with the act of Congress & instructions received by me to that effect.

Major Henry Stanton, quarter master of the United States Army, whose office is in No. 61, Washington Street, is appointed by me to make the delivery to any person who may be designated to receive the Battery. I have the honour to be,

Sir,
With high respect,
your ob't. serv't.
Winfield Scott

His Honour
The Mayor of N. York.

This document, found among the loose papers in the custody of the City Clerk, is here reproduced for the first time. On May 6, 1808, the city conveyed to the Federal government a piece of land at the foot of Hubert St. for "so long as the same should be used and applied to the defense and safety of the port of New York, and no longer" (pp. 661-2). The North Battery, as this came to be called, was one of a chain of forts built by the Federal Government during the War of 1812 to protect the city from an expected attack by the British. Like Castle Clinton, it had become no longer of strategic importance since the erection of fortifications at the Narrows. Therefore, at the request of the Common Council, it was reconveyed by Act of Congress to the Corporation of New York. General Scott was given instructions that resulted in this communication to Mayor Bowne. For references in this volume see pages 349, 376, 584-5, 661-3. A photograph of the North Battery appears in King's *Handbook of New York City*, page 32.—Ed.

Directions of the Mayor

Mayors Office April 22d 1831

General Morton will receive the transfer of the within named Works, and will attend on Saturday 23d Inst at 12 OClock for that purpose.

Walter Bowne,
Mayor

[251] Memorandum of Delivery of the Fort

City of New York
April 23. 1831

In pursuance of the foregoing Order and Instructions the Fort called the North Battery was this day delivered over by Major Henry Stanton Qur Master of the U S Army to General J Morton Clerk of the Common Council in behalf and for the use of the Corporation of the City of New York.

Done in presence of
R Graves
G N Bleecker
Samel Perkins
Chas W Sandford

Henry Stanton
Signed—Majr & Q Master U S A
J Morton
Clerk C Council.

General Mortons Report to the Mayor

New York April 23. 1831

Sir

Agreeably to your instructions of the 22d Inst I attended this day at the North Battery when Major Stanton Qur Master of the U S Army in pursuance of orders from Major General Scott delivered possession to me of the North Battery in behalf of and for the Corporation of the City of New York—The transfer was made in the presence of G N Bleecker Esqr Comptroller, R Graves Esq. Street Commissioner, Charles W Sanford Esq and Captain Perkins of the U S O[r]dnance.

The Memorandum of the Transfer accompanies this Report.

[252]I have the Honor to be

The Honorable
Walter Bowne
Mayor of the City of New York.

Respectfully
J Morton

The Mayor laid before the Board the following Laws passed by the Legislature Viz[t]

A Law for the extension of the Fire Limits passed April 21—1831, was ordered to be published in the papers employed by the Board—A Law authorising the opening of Union Place and for other purposes passed April 23. 1831 was referred to the Street Committee. A Law relative to boring the Earth for Water in the City of New York passed April 18. 1831 was Ordered on file.

An Invitation was received from the Committee on the Fire Department to visit the Public Reservoir on Friday next at 4 OClock was read and accepted.

An Invitation was received from the National Academy of Design to a private view of their Exhibition on Wednesday next 27[th] April 12 OClock at their Rooms in Clinton Hall was read & Accepted.

[253] The Return of the Clerk of the City and County of New York of Election for Charter Officers on the 12[th] 13[th] & 14[th] days of April 1831 which was read and the Clerk directed to give Notice to the persons elected and to request their attendance in the Common Council Chamber on the Second Tuesday in May to take the oath prescribed by Law.

A Petition of John Bingham for relief from penalty for violation of Interment Law was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Bernard M[c]Cormick to be relieved from the payment of a Fine and from Imprisonment for permitting the Water from his Stable to run in a Public Pump was read and referred to the Police Committee with powers.

A Petition of William Vanderbilt & others for permission to erect a Gate across the Pier West side of Catharine street Slip was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of William M[c]Donnell of Martha M[c]Dougall and of Franklin Cooley severally to be relieved from the payment of erroneous Taxes were read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

[254] A Petition of William Reynolds of Simon P Wyckoff and of Benjamin Hicks severally to be appointed to the Office of Assistant Captain of the 1[st] District City Watch were read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Remonstrance of Richard Varick & others against widening Pine street was read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of Bernard M[c]Cafferty for payment of a sum of money

due him on Acc[t] of contract for regulating Sixth street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

An Application of Lindley L Murray & James F De Peyster Committee in behalf of the New York Dispensary for their Annual Donation of $600, Whereupon Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was read and Adopted

Resolved that a Warrant be Reported at the next Meeting of the Board for $600, in favor of Lindley Murray Treasurer of the New York City Dispensary.

A Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Reade and Duane streets for a removal [255] of the Manure boats from that vicinity was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Edward Crowell to be appointed Weighmaster at Hay Scales at Governeur Slip was read and referred to the Committee on Markets.

A Petition of the Butchers of Essex Market praying for a more equitable and just regulation of said Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of James Flanagan for the renewal of a Lease of Common Lands Lot N° 203 was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of David Woods and others for aid in working 109[th] Street was read and referred to the Road Committee.

On Motion Robert L Jaques was reappointed Clerk of the 9[th] & 11[th] Ward Court

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for correcting Nuisances.

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N° 1 | [256] Oliver Dowling | Owner | N° 263 | North St | | Lot |
| 2. | W[m] M Freeman | " | | S side 11[th] | Street | " |
| 3. | Isaac Lawrence & others | " | | " 10[th] | Street | Lots |
| 4. | Ezekiel Concklin | " | | E side Norfolk | St | " |
| 5. | James Conklin | " | | D° | | " |
| 6. | Oliver Dowling | " | N° 263 | North | St | A Privy |
| 7. | Leonard Fisher | " | 24 | Centre | " | " |
| 8. | Widow Hannah Brown | " | 274 | Stanton | St | " |
| 9. | John Cahill | " | 273 | Water | St | " |
| 10. | John H Smith | Occupant | 275 | " | | " |
| 11. | Robert White | Executor | 271 | " | | " |
| 12. | Ebenezer Clark | Owner | 350 | Broadway | | " |
| 13. | Estate of Pearsall | " | 174 | Front | St | " |
| 14. | Thomas Edmonds | " | 67 | Sullivan | St | " |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 15. Garret Cossens | Owner | 59 Thompson | A Privy |
| 16. John Bingham | " | 36 Reede | " |
| 17. Benjamin *Husted* [Hustace] | " | 176 Front St | " |

I Warren City Inspector

Which were read and passed.

The Aldermen and Assistants of the 7th 10th & 13th Wards to whom was referred the subject in relation to the location of the 4th District Assistant Justices Court presented the following Report.

The Aldermen and Assistants of the 7th 10th and 13th Wards to whom the annexed Resolution was referred beg leave respectfully to Report.

[257] That the present location of the 4th District Assistant Justices Court is on many Accounts very inconvenient.

That they have selected a part of a House N° 207 Division street opposite Norfolk street which they think will accommodate the Three Wards. They therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that a part of House N° 207. Division street aforesaid be rented for the use of the said Court at a rent not exceeding $150 per Annum for the accommodation of the above Court.

W Seaman
B J Meserole
James Palmer
William Scott
Thomas Jeremiah
John Lovett.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of J H Vanderbilt and P Simmons for a birth on the South side of the Pier at the foot of Warren street for the Steam Boat General Jackson presented the following Report in favor of the same accompanied with an Ordinance.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of J H Vanderbilt and P Simmons owners of the Steam Boat General Jackson praying that the lower birth on the South side of the Pier at the foot of [258] Warren street be assigned for the exclusive use of the said Steam Boat.

Respectfully Report.

That by an Act of the Legislature passed April 16th 1830, the Common Council have power to pass Ordinances to designate and

appropriate such of the Public Wharves as they may deem expedient for the exclusive use of Steam Boats and that in the opinion of the Committee the public convenience would be promoted by exercising the said power in the present case.

They have caused an Ordinance for that purpose to be drawn which is hereunto annexed and they offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the Petition be granted by the passage of the said Ordinance.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Whereupon the Report was approved the Resolution adopted and the Law passed under the Title of "A Law to designate and appropriate a part of a certain Public Wharf or Pier for the exclusive use of Steam Boats"

The Finance Committee to whom was [259] referred the Petitions of Francis Thompson Agent for Old line of Liverpool packets & Daniel Richards Agent for several Steam Boats for the occupation of Piers Nos 22 & 23 for the use of said Packets and Steam Boats presented the following Report in favor of the same accompanied with an Ordinance.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Francis Thompson Agent for the Old Line of Packet Ships, and Daniel Richards Agent for several Steam Boats Report.

That Mr Thompson has leased a Birth on the South west side of Pier No 22 of the Lessee of that district and of the Proprietors of the other side of the Pier with one half of the Basin; And that Mr Richards has leased for certain Steam Boats the other half of the Basin and the South west side of Pier No 23—And the Proprietors have agreed to this Arrangement by which both the Steam Boats and Packets will be accommodated

Your Committee Report the accompanying Ordinance.

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee

Whereupon the Report was approved, and the Ordinance passed under the title of "A Law to provide accommodation for the Old line of Liverpool packets and certain Steam Boats."

[260] The Finance Committee presented a Resolution directing a Warrant to be reported in favor of Dow D Williamson for $50, for copying Indexes to Vol 56 & 62 & part of 63 of Minutes of Common Council.

Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to Report a Warrant in favor of Dow D Williamson for Fifty Dollars as a compensation for Copying the Indexes to Volumes 56th and 62d and part of Volume 63d of the Minutes of the Common Council.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lanb

Which was Adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the subject of the claim of Enrico Causici for making a Colossal Statue of Washington presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Communication from Henry M Western Esqr to the Mayor claiming compensation for Mr Enrico Causici for a Colossal Statue of Washington, Respectfully Report

That they have carefully investigated the [261] circumstances upon which the claim is founded having been attended by Mr Western as Counsel for Mr Causici, and heard the testimony of the Witnesses produced on his behalf. It appears that in the years 1823 and 1824 Mr Causici was engaged in making a Model of a Colossal Equestrian Statute of Washington which was for some time erected in the Park, and for the labor Materials and time bestowed upon this work Mr Causici now prefers a claim against the Corporation amounting in the whole to $5944, as appears by his bill annexed hereto. In order to ascertain how far any Act of the Corporation as a public body might have committed them in respect to this claim, the Committee have examined the Minutes of the Common Council and caused an extract to be made therefrom of all their proceedings on this subject which is hereunto annexed. And it appears that no Resolution was ever passed by the Board which could in the slightest degree be construed as an understanding to pay anything to Mr Causici or upon which any liability for such payment could arise; nor has any evidence been

produced to them that any authorized agent of the Corporation ever undertook that Mr Causici should be compensated by that body, or that any inducements were held out to him, which could give a colour of equity to his present demand. On the contrary the proof before the Committee has been full and [262] conclusive, and although at Mr Causici's request, the Board visited his model, and accommodated him with the use of a building for it and although he was allowed to erect it in the Park, he was given to understand distinctly that he must not expect compensation from the Corporation for the work he was thus engaged on. The testimony of Philip Hone Esqr who was then Mayor is decisive on this point, and it appears satisfactorily from all the evidence before the Committee that whatever was done by the Common Council respecting Mr Causici's said work was done out of pure kindness to him, and that there is no ground either of Law or Equity upon which his present claim or any claim arising out of the said transactions can rest. The Committee therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the said Claim on behalf of Mr Causici be rejected.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the New York & Boston Steam [263] Boat Company to have the Wharves & Piers foot of Cortlandt & Liberty street appropriated for the use of said Company presented the following Report in favor of the same accompanied with an Ordinance.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the New York and Boston Steam Boat Company praying that the private Wharves and Piers between the foot of Cortlandt street and the foot of Liberty street may be appropriated for the exclusive use of Steam Boats &c Respectfully Report.

That this application is in substance to renew an Ordinance which was passed by the Board on the 6th of September last and which will expire on the 1st day of May next; and the Committee are of opinion that it would be expedient and proper to renew the same for the ensuing year—The Petitioners also ask permission to erect a building for an Office, also a gateway & flaggstaff for the accommodation of the

said New York & Boston Steam Boat Company, but the Committee do not think it would be right to give any permission in reference to such building, as the erection thereof might be in violation of the State laws relative to the prevention of Fires in this City—The Committee however can see no objection to the said improvements provided they are not infringements of the Law, and would recommend that the applicants be left to make the same if they shall think fit at [264] their own risque in that respect.

The Committee have caused an Ordinance to be drawn and annexed hereto relative to the designation of the said Wharves and Piers and they offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Prayer of the said Petition be granted by the passage of the said Ordinance.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
P. J Nevius
Anthony Lamb.

Which was approved and the Ordinance passed under the Title of "A Law to designate and appropriate certain private Wharves and Piers for the exclusive use of Steam Boats.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the subject of procuring a location for Engine Company N° 8—presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the subject of procuring a proper scite for Fire Engine N° 8 Respectfully Report

That they are offered a Lot of Ground in Ludlow street between Broome & Delancy street within [265] One hundred feet of the present location of the Engine by M$^{r}$ Elijah F Purdy for Fourteen hundred Dollars sise of the Lot 25 feet front and rear & 87½ feet deep, the price in the opinion of your Committee is a fair and reasonable one and ought to be accepted, they accordingly offer the following Resolutions for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that the offer of the above Lot be accepted and the Comptroller report a Warrant for $1,400 in favor of Elijah *T* [F] Purdy for the same.

Resolved that the Superintendent of Repairs (under the direction of the Committee on the Fire Department) have a suitable Fire Engine House built on the above Lot.

**Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department have power to receive proposals to rent or Lease the residue of the Lot not wanted for the Engine House.**

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
James Palmer
Jn° Rogers
William Scott
Samuel Stevens
P. W Engs.

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Members of [266] Fire Engine Company N° 16 for a New Engine presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of the Members of Fire Engine Company N° 16 for a new Engine beg leave [to] Respectfully Report

That the Engine has been examined by the Superintendent of Repairs and he Reports that it requires at this time very extensive Repairs, and would at all times hereafter be liable to require frequent and expensive ones—Your Committee are therefore of the opinion it ought to be replaced by a New one, and they accordingly offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Common Council

Resolved that the Superintendent of Repairs (under the direction of the Committee on the Fire Department) have a New Fire Engine built for Fire Company N° 16

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
James Palmer
Jn° Rogers
William Scott
Samuel Stevens
P. W Engs.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[267] The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Davenport for permission to erect a Hay Scales at the corner of the Bowery & Eighth street presented the following Report against the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Davenport for permission to erect a Hay Scales on the corner of the Bowery & Eighth street

beg leave to Report.

That the Petitioner is very desirous to erect a Hay Scales within a very short distance of the Hay Market and the Scales recently leased to William H Earle by the Common Council for ten years, that in the opinion of your Committee it would be improper to allow the erection which would so materially affect the interest of Mr Earle, and yet afford no additional facilities to the Citizens, they accordingly offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the above Petition

Respectfully submitted
Benjamin M Brown
W Seaman
Jonª Seymour
B J Messerole

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

[268] The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Christian Truss for a Stall in Fulton Market presented the following Report against the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Christian Truss for a Stall in Fulton Market beg leave respectfully to Report.

That the Petitioner is desirous to occupy a Stand in the said Market which has been vacant for several years past and heretofore known as Nº 63. that in the opinion of your Committee there is now in the Market as many regular licensed Butchers as can make a living and full as many as are required for the demand to supply the wants of the Citizens who frequent the same—They accordingly offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Common Council.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the above Petition.

Respectfully submitted
Benjamin M Brown
W Seaman
Jonª Seymour
B J Messerole

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was [269] referred the Petition of George Ireland Executor of the Estate of John Dixey for leave to assign three Leases for Lots in Chatham street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee respectfully Report on the above Petition of George Ireland Executor of the Estate of John Dixey praying for leave to Assign three Leases for Lots in Chatham street, they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to assign to John V Tilyou the Lease of Lot 59 Chatham Street to Aime Mathy the Lease of Lot 61 Chatham street and to Benjamin Cooper the Lease of Lot N° 63 Chatham street.

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Isaac Carrow for an extension of time for payment of City Stocks presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Letter from Isaac Carrow as Agent for several persons owning City Stock, which [270] becomes payable on the 1st May next wishing an extension of time for the payment of said Stock in consequence of its being held in Europe respectfully Report that as no loss of Interest will arise to the Public by a delay, inasmuch as the amount of the Certificates can be deducted from the sum to be paid the Treasurer on the 1st of May, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to suspend the payment of $10,500 City Stock of 1821 held by Thomas Cotterill of Birmingham, and $800 of the said Stock held by Trustees of Maria Scholefield (late Cotterill) of Birmingham till the 1st day of July next after which day the Interest on said Stock will cease

W Seaman
Peter J Nevius
Benjamin M Brown
Anthony Lamb
G Lee

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Hopkins & Hawley to renew Lease of Lot N° 253 Front street presented a Report in favor of the same which was read and Laid on the Table for further consideration.

[271] The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Akely & George Hartell for Butchers Licences presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of John Akely & George Hartell beg leave Respectfully to Report

That the said Petitions are accompanied with the usual transfers and the necessary Certificates of qualification.

They accordingly offer the following Resolution for the consideration of the Common Council

Resolved that a Butchers Licence be granted to John Akely for Stall N° 2 Governeur Market to Alexander Hartell for Stall N° 9. Catharine Market.

Respectfully submitted

Benjamin M Brown
W Seaman
Jon[a] Seymour
B. J Meserole

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions for Office of Measurer of Grain presented the following Report in favor of appointing William S Kinch

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions for the Office of [272] Measurer of Grain respectfully Report

That Jacob Mabie a Measurer has resigned his Office and they would recommend William S Kinch whom they think a proper person to fill the vacancy. And offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that William S Kinch be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain in the place of Jacob Mabie Resigned.

Respectfully submitted

B J Meserole
John Lovett

Which was approved the Resolution adopted and he was accordingly appointed.

The Ferry Committee to whom had been referred back their Report of the 18[th] April last (which see this Volume page 223-4-5-6) on the

Petition of S & R Blackwell for the extension of the Lease of Hell Gate Ferry presented the following Report.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred back the Report and Resolutions of the same Committee in relation to the application of S & R M Blackwell for an extension of the Lease of the Hell Gate Ferry or for such other compensation for losses sustained in building Docks &c as the Board may deem proper—Respectfully Report

That the Committee have come to the conclusion [273] that it is correct and proper to allow to the Messrs Blackwells the sum expended by them for a permanent Dock &c which is a necessary fixture and is the property of the Public. They also state that having examined the Ferry House on the Long Island side of said Ferry and finding it in so decayed a condition that it is impracticable to repair it, they are of opinion that it is necessary for public convenience that a new Building be erected and that the moderate sum of Fifteen hundred Dollars be appropriated to build the same—As this building is to belong to the Public and is to serve the purposes of a Ferry House after the Lease of the Messrs Blackwells expires, the Committee recommend that it be built of Stone—The Committee are still of the opinion that the Lease of the Ferry should be renewed for one year, but as the majority of the Common Council have by a recent Vote doubted the propriety of such renewal, the Committee in defference to the opinion so expressed deem it proper to waive their view of the subject and to abandon any recommendation for a renewal of the Lease—They offer the following Resolutions.

Resolved that Six hundred and Sixty four dollars & forty two Cents be appropriated to pay a balance due on the Hell Gate Ferry, and that a Warrant in favor of Samuel Blackwell Junr & Robert M Blackwell for the above sum be issued by his Honor the Mayor during the recess of the Board.

[274] Resolved that Fifteen hundred dollars be appropriated to build a Ferry House on the Long Island side of the Hell Gate Ferry to be the property of the Corporation after the Lease expires and that the same be built of blue stone under the direction of the Street Commissioner

B J Meserole
John Rogers
George D. Strong.

The Question being taken on Adopting the same it was carried in the Affirmative—Alderman B M Brown gave notice of Reconsideration at the next Meeting.

The Counsel of the Board presented a Report stating that the Supreme Court had confirmed the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment on opening 17th Street, 8th Avenue, Bleecker Street and Greenwich Lane which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Counsel of the Board presented the following Report on opening Union Place.

The Counsel to the Board respectfully Reports That a Law has been passed by the Legislature [275] as applied for by the Common Council authorising the opening of certain premises as Union Place, and that it would be proper to pass the following Resolution.

"Resolved that the Counsel to the Board take the necessary measures to have Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed for the said opening in conformity with the said Law and according to the Report heretofore made by the Street Committee upon the said improvement and that the Petition for that purpose be authenticated during the recess of the Board."

Respectfully submitted

R Emmet

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petition for the Office of City Weigher presented the following Report in favor of appointing William J Wiswall.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions for the Office of City Weigher and who have received the resignation of Abraham Lawrence Respectfully Report.

That they have given the subject due consideration and Recommend the Adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that William J Wiswall be and he is hereby appointed a City Weigher in the place of Abraham Lawrence Resigned.

[276] Respectfully submitted

B J Meserole
Peter J Nevius
John Lovett

Which was approved the Resolution adopted and he was accordingly appointed.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry persons to have side walks on Southerly side of Grand street opposite the Market reduced in width presented the following Report in favor of the same.

**The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of sundry persons to have the Side walks on the Southerly side of Grand street opposite the Market reduced in width as that the passage between the Market and the Curb stone is but 10 feet, and not sufficient** for Carts to pass on that side, Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted and accordingly offer the following resolution. Resolved that the side walk on the Southerly side of Grand street between Corlears street and Munroe street be reduced to twelve feet and that the Street Commissioner have the same carried into effect.

Thomas T Woodruff
[277] John Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition to have 36th Street lying between 8th Avenue & Fitzroy Road opened presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition to have that part of 36th Street lying between the 8th Avenue and the Fitzroy Road opened Respectfully Report. That in their opinion it is desirable to have that part of 36th Street opened for the convenience of the Petitioners as well as the public, the distance required is about One hundred feet and no buildings to be removed they therefore submit the following Resolutions.

Resolved that it is desirable for public convenience to have Thirty sixth street opened from the Eighth Avenue to the old Fitzroy Road, and the same is hereby directed to be done.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board adopt the necessary measures for making application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the said matter, and [278] that it be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

Thomas T Woodruff
Jn° Rogers
William Scott
George D Strong
John Lovett.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the owners of Grounds called Stuyvesant Meadows relative to altering the plan of the present regulation of those grounds presented a Report which was read, Laid on the Table, and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Remonstrance against opening 16th Street between the 3d & 6th Avenues presented the following Report against said Remonstrance

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Remonstrance of John Cowman & Cornelius T Williams against the opening of 16th Street between the 3d & 6th Avenues Respectfully

Report

That inasmuch as the Board has already passed on the opening of that Street and as it is [279] indispensably necessary to have it opened in order that the water may be conveyed from the Bowery and Bloomingdale road, Your Committee submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioners by delaying the opening of 16th Street.

Thomas T Woodruff
George D Strong
William Scott
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for opening Front street from Corlears street to Rutgers Slip presented the following Report in favor of the same:

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for opening Front street from Corlaers street to Rutgers street Slip Respectfully Report

That in their opinion the opening of that Street as asked for by the Petitioners is much required for public convenience, but inasmuch as that the expence of Bulkheads required to make that street (now a part of South street) from Rutgers to Clinton streets would be attended with much expence they recommend that it be opened only from Clinton to Corlaers Street, [280] that part lying between Montgomery street and Corlears street being already reserved as a Street by the Grants to the several proprietors and only requires an Ordinance directing the incumbrances to be removed and the Street regulated, and that so much of South street (formerly Front street) lying between Clinton and Montgomery streets will require to be opened and widened a por-

tion of which has only been reserved by Grant to Co[l] Rutgers and others and will therefore require an application to the Court for Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment to open and widen that part of South street—In accordance with the foregoing Report your Committee offer for consideration the following Resolutions.

Resolved that Front street be opened by removing the incumbrances therefrom and regulating the same between Montgomery street and Corlears street.

Resolved that it is desirable for Public convenience that so much of South street lying between Clinton street and Montgomery street be widened and the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the said Matter and that the Petition for that purpose be authenticated during [281] the recess of the Board in the usual manner

Thomas T Woodruff
Jn° Rogers
George D Strong
William Scott
John Lovett.

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of William B Crosby to have the name of Monroe street between Jefferson and Clinton streets called Rutgers place presented the following Report against the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of William B Crosby requesting to have that part of Monroe street between Jefferson and Clinton streets called Rutgers Place Respectfully

Report

That in their opinion it would be improper to have the name of a street interrupted in its centre, however desirable it might be to an Individual they therefore submit the following Resolution

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request of the Petitioner.

Thomas T Woodruff
Jn° Rogers
William Scott
[282] George D Strong
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Curtis to be relieved from Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Ass[ess]ments to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Curtis to be relieved from Tax Respectfully Report.

That M^r Curtis appeared before the Committee and testified that he was assessed for personal property in the 14^th Ward at two different places Viz^t at N^o 71 Crosby street and also in Spring street corner of Crosby street and at each place was Assessed on $1500 being the amount he was worth—As the Error is palpable and as the Assessors certify to the same, the Committee do not hesitate to recommend for the adoption of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of Joseph Curtis on $1500 in Spring street corner of Crosby street be and the same is hereby remitted.

George D Strong
Tho^s Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
William Scott
Jon^a Seymour

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[283] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Hiram Scofield to be relieved from an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Hiram Scofield to be relieved from an erroneous Tax Respectfully Report.

That M^r Scofield appeared before the Committee and testified that he was Assessed on his real estate at corner of Delancy & Ludlow street and that the Assessors did not take into consideration the fact that he was an Artillerist. He further stated that he spoke to the Assessors, who promised to make the deduction, but he supposes they omitted to notice it through inadvertance.

The Committee believing him entitled to relief more especially as the assessors of the 10^th Ward acknowledge the error, offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax on $500, from that assessed on the real

estate of Hiram Scofield at the corner of Delancy and Ludlow streets in the 10th Ward be and the same is hereby deducted

George D Strong
Thos Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
William Scott
Jno Seymour

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[284] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Bannen to be relieved from the payment of personal Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Bannen to be relieved from an erroneous Tax respectfully

Report

That Mrs Bannen has been ill for a number of months and still continues indisposed, that she has been assessed on $2000, for personal property in the 4th Ward and from her statement and the Certificate of the Assessors is not worth any personal Estate.

Mr Benjamin the Collector of the 4th Ward represent to your Committee that she is a Widow & as she states that *the* she is unable to pay the Tax except by distress on her Furniture, the Committee believe her entitled to relief and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax on the personal property of Elizabeth Bannen in the 4th Ward on $2000 be and the same is hereby remitted

George D Strong
Thos Jeremiah
Henry Arcularius
William Scott
Jons Seymour

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[285] The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Dean to be relieved from an erroneous Tax presented the following Report against the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Dean to be relieved from an erroneous Tax Respectfully Report.

That Mr Dean was Assessed Ten thousand Dollars for personal property in the 9th Ward and Petitioned to have the same reduced to

$1000, the sum he was assessed for, for the year 1829—As Mr Dean after being duly sworn declined stating that he was not worth $10.000 personal property, the Committee do not consider him entitled to relief. They offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

George D Strong
Henry Arcularius
Thos Jeremiah
William Scott
Jons Seymour

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

Alderman Seaman presented the following Resolution which was read and Adopted

Resolved that Thomas Cottrell be authorized to Collect all the Assessments still standing in the name of Jameson Cox late one of the Collectors of Assessments.

[286] Alderman Lamb presented the following Resolution which was read and Laid on the Table.

Whereas the Common Counsel did on the 11th Instant adopt a Report of the Committee of Wharves Piers & Slips, made to the Board on the 9th day of September 1829 which Report declares, that the Public interest requires that Piers should be built, into the North or Hudsons River from the foot of Harrison Provoost and North Moore streets in the 5th Ward

And Whereas the Common Council did also adopt Resolutions declaring that a Pier or Wharf should be built and extended into the said River Two hundred and fifty feet from the foot of each of the said Streets at the individual expence of the Proprietors of all the Grants of Water Lots lying and fronting on said River between Jay street and Hubert street and directing that notice should be given by the Street Commissioner to the said Proprietors that they commence building the said Wharves or Piers on or before the first day of June next.

And Whereas by the adoption of the said Report and Resolutions the faith of the Common Council is pledged that the said Piers should be built at the Public expence in case the said owners of Lots should refuse or neglect to comply with the said Report and Resolutions—Therefore Resolved that immediately after the first day of June next

(in case the said proprietors of Lots should [287] not commence the building of the said Piers or Wharves) it shall be the duty of the Street Commissioner and he is hereby directed to advertise for proposals for the building of said Piers or Wharves at the Public expence and the sum of Twenty thousand Dollars being the sum estimated as the cost of said Piers, by the said Street Commissioner be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of building and completeing said Piers or Wharves.

Alderman Palmer presented the following Resolution which was read and Laid on the Table.

Resolved that the Committee on Public Offices & Repairs be empowered to improve the building known as the Old Alms House (now part of the City Hall) so that the front on Chamber street correspond with the front on the Park.

Alderman Palmer presented the following Resolution which was read & Laid on the Table.

Resolved that the Committee on Public Offices and Repairs be and they are hereby empowered to fit up the Room assigned to the Board of Assistants in a manner to correspond with the Room now occupied by this Board.

[288] Mr Rogers presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee.

Resolved that 8th & 9th Streets be paved from Broadway to the 6th Avenue.

A Motion was made and seconded that the Board now Adjourn, the question being taken thereon and a Division being called the Members voted as follows

In the Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald I Brown Seaman Meserole Lee Mr Seymour Scott Beadle 8

In the Negative Ald Nevius Stevens Lamb Strong B M Brown Wells Palmer Woodruff Mr Mandeville Bryson Arcularius Rogers Jeremiah Dibblee Lovett Engs. 16

So it passed in the Negative.

[289] On Motion of Mr Engs the Report of the Law Committee on the subject of the Interment Law which was made the order of the day was called up and read as follows.

The Law Committee to whom were referred the Memorials of the owners of Private Vaults in various Cemetries within the City Respectfully Report.

That the Memorialists represent that these vaults were constructed

or otherwise acquired at great expence by the Memorialists or their ancestors, when the Interment of the dead in all parts of the City was authorized by Law.

That by an Ordinance of the Common Council interdicting interments within certain Limits, the Private Vaults within those limits, as objects of property have become of no value—Deprived of the only use of them of which they are susceptible, the Memorialists have in effect been deprived of the Vaults themselves.

That the professed design of this prohibition being the security of the Public Health, in which the whole community are interested, the Memorialists respectfully submit that the losses and sacrifices incident to the attainment of this common benefit ought to be borne by the community at large.

Upon this obvious principle of justice, the Memorialists ground their present appeal to the City Corporation for indemnity against the Losses to which they are subjected by the privation of the use of their Vaults.

[290] In pressing upon the consideration of the Common Council this equitable claim, the Memorialists, suggest that a modification of the existing Ordinance, by which interments in Private Vaults, shall be prohibited only during certain months of the year, and by which, during those months, such Vaults shall be carefully and inviolably closed up, would, even upon the theory assumed by the advocates of the present system afford full security against consequences injurious to the public health whilst at the same time, those feelings which in all ages have led mankind to collect in one hallowed depository, the remains of families through successive generations, would be sufficiently respected inasmuch as the bodies of those dying with[in] the period referred to might be temporarily deposited in tombs beyond the limits of the interdiction, and thence removed in the Winter season to the family Vaults.

In this modified prohibition of interments the Memorialists say they would readily acquiesce foregoing all claim to compensation on account of such partial interference with their rights.

The Committee haveing weighed these representations are satisfied that the existing Ordinance, without any adequate public benefit, imposes a great hardship upon the Petitioners, and that a relaxation thereof may be made in the [291] manner proposed without endangering the public health.

The Committee have therefore prepared an Ordinance for the relief

of the Petitioners and herewith submit the same for the consideration of the Common Council.

James I Roosevelt Jr
Gideon Lee
William Seaman
Samuel Stevens
Fyler Dibblee

The Law proposed was as follows

The Mayor Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York, do ordain as follows.

I. It shall and may be lawful, at any time between the first day of October and the first day of May in each year to inter any dead body in any private Vault heretofore constructed in the said City, any Law or Ordinance heretofore passed to the contrary notwithstanding.

Debates arose thereon, and a Motion was made that the further consideration be postponed until the next Meeting of the Board and it be made the order of the day for that Meeting which was agreed to— And the Board then adjourned to Monday next at 5 O Clock P M.

[292] In Common Council May 2d 1831

Present The Honbl Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|
| Peter J Nevius | William Mandeville |
| Samuel Stevens | David Bryson |
| Isaac Brown | Henry Arcularius |
| Anthony Lamb | Joseph W Beadle |
| George D Strong | John Rogers |
| William Seaman | Thomas Jeremiah |
| Benjamin M Brown | Fyler Dibblee |
| James N Wells | John Lovett |
| Bernard J Meserole | Philip W Engs |
| David Marsh | |
| Gideon Lee | |
| Thomas T Woodruff | |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & Approved.

A Communication was received from Docr Felix Pascalis stating the effects on the decomposition of the Human body in Vaults as different from that in Graves exemplified in the Exhumation of bodies from the Cemetry of the French Church in this City which he had lately superintended—Was Laid on the table and directed to be printed.

[293] A Petition from William B Townsend requesting if Interments are permitted in Vaults, that it might extend to Graves, was laid on the Table and directed to be printed.

The Consideration of the Interment Law was suspended until the regular business of the Meeting had been gone through with.

An Application of the National convention of the Lyceum for the use of a Room in the City Hall to meet in, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices with powers.

A Petition of Michael Hart to be released from a fine for selling Meat as a Butcher without a Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of George Simpson to be appointed Street Inspector of the 12th Ward was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Remonstrance of Samuel Lawrence and others against opening Horatio street from Greenwich street to the Hudson River was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[294] A Petition of William H Ireland and others to have a fence put around the small square in Hudson street at intersection of Chapel Reed & Chamber streets was read and referred to the Committee on Lands & Places with powers.

A Petition of John Brodie Jr & others for a Well & Pump corner of 10th Street & 6th Avenue was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of James Forrest & others to have Eighth & Ninth streets paved from Broadway to the 6th Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Robert Pettigrew for payment of the Balance of his contract for filling up 5th Street between Avenues A & C was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Cummings for payment of monies due on sundry Contracts for regulating and paving Streets, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Beverly Robinson for a [295] Water Grant between 24th & 25th Street in the 12th Ward was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Christopher Keyes for payment of the balance for filling up 7th Street from 1st Avenue to Avenue A was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Morss for the purchase of a Gore of land on 11th Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Abraham D Stephens for the Office of Collector of Assessments was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office.

A Petition of Oliver Dorlan & others praying to have the Law prohibiting the Sale of Oysters during certain Months altered so as to allow the sale of them during the Month of May was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of the Lessee of District N° 6 of Wharves & Piers to have two births at the foot of Maiden Lane set apart for Steam Boats, also the application of the owners of said Boats for same purpose was read and granted.

[296] A Petition of Lessees of Catharine Ferry for a Bulkhead at Brooklyn was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Memorial of the Owners of the Williamsburgh Ferry that the Wharf at Williamsburgh part of which has lately been carried away by the Ice and Current may be repaired and extended was read and referred to the Ferry & Finance Committees.

A Petition of owners & Lessees of property in Front street between Clinton & Corlaers street praying that the opening of said Street may be deferred for one year, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Smith Cutter to have the Pump in the middle of Side walk corner Barclay & Chapel street removed was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 3$^{d}$ Ward & Street Commissioner with Power.

A Remonstrance of John Turner against the widening of Ann street was read and Laid for further Consideration.

A Remonstrance of William Bolmer & others against extending the Sewer in Centre street [297] was read and referred to the Canal Committee.

A Remonstrance of Richard Varick & others against widening Pine street between William & Nassau street, was read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of Joseph Hooper Jun$^{r}$ to be appointed a City Guager was read and referred to the Committee on Applications for Office

A Remonstrance of the Trustees of Sailors Snug Habour against paving 8$^{th}$ Street from Broadway to 6$^{th}$ Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance of P. G Stuyvesant & others against repaving Broadway from Houston to Bleecker street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of James Lyon for transfer of Stall N° 15 Centre Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen the Resignations were accepted and appointments made Viz

[298] Fire Engine C° N° 1

Alfred Booth Printer Reed S[t] V[c] Henry Woodruff Resigned
John M Turnbull—Carpenter 340 Washington S[t]
V[c] John Bedell J[r] Resigned
Garrit H. Waters } Resigned
Amos H S[h]arett }

N° 2.

Hosea Douglass Gilder 14 Spring S[t]
V[c] Charles R Pearsall Resigned
John Freame—Sash Maker 67 Hester Street To fill Company.

N° 9

Peter Gordon, Merchant Duane S[t] To fill Company

N° 14

Richard H Wentworth—Piano Forte Maker 115 Sullivan S[t]
To fill Company

N° 18

James A[n]derson—Carpenter, Mercer n Amity S[t]
V[c] John Wendover Resigned

N° 19

Charles Angle Grocer N° 65 Forsyth Street—To fill Company

N° 26

Walter B Sherman Trunk Maker. Delancy Street—To fill Company

Fire Hose C°

N° 1

Charles S Hutton Expelled for neglect of duty.

[299] The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for correction of Nuisances

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz[t]

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| N° 1 | Geo Lovett | owner | W side of Goerck S[t] | Lots |
| 2. | Elisha W King | " | E side of Lewis S[t] | D° |
| 3. | Estate of W[m] Edgar Dec[d] | " | D° | D° |

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| 4. | William Burges | owner | No 8 Elm St | A Privy |
| 5. | Alfred Wagstaff | " | 16 " | Do |
| 6. | Henry O Dusenberry | " | 32 " | Do |
| 7. | David M Prall | " | 44 " | Do |
| 8. | J W Bell | " | 46 " | Do |
| 9. | Samuel *Waddlee* [Waddell] | Lessee | 58 " | Do |
| 10. | Ebenezer Clark | Owner | 60 " | Do |
| 11. | Thomas Mekin | " | 64 " | Do |
| 12. | Edmond Gross | Agent | 17 Rivington St | Do |
| 13. | Francis ONiell | owner | 64 Orange St | Do |
| 14. | Josiah Day | " | 15 Rivington | Do |
| 15. | Edward Gross | Agent | 13 " | Do |
| 16. | Isaac Brewster | Owner | 11 " | Do |
| 17. | William L Vandervoort | " | 18 Frankfort St | Do |
| 18. | " | " | 16 " | Do |
| 19. | " | " | William Cor of Frankfort | Do |
| 20. | Wm Rhinelander | " | 28 Spruce St | Do |
| 21. | John Kilpatrick | Occupt | 34 " | Do |
| 22. | Henry Coster | Owner | 36 " | Do |
| 23. | Jacob Lorillard | " | 74 Gold St | Do |
| 24. | [300] Levi White | Lessee | 49 Chatham St | Do |
| 25. | John Syms | " | 51 " | Do |
| 26. | Mr Strong | " | 32 James St | Do |
| 27. | F B Lynch | owner | 27½ Elm St | Do |
| 28. | Do | " | 27 " | Do |
| 29. | Dr S. P. V R Tenbroeck | " | S E cor Avenue B & 2d St | Lots |
| 30. | Estate of T Gardner Decd | " | E side of Norfolk St | " |
| 31. | Edwin Bergh | Agent | No 645 Water St | A Privy |
| 32. | Samuel Casidey | owner | 242 Greenwich St | Do |

I Warren City Inspector

Which were passed.

The City Inspector presented an Ordinance to fill in sunken Lots on the Bloomingdale Road between 13th & 14th Streets at the public expence and that a lien may be taken thereon which was passed

The Street Commissioner presented a Final Return of Delinquents on sundry Assessments which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Collectors appointed thereto Vizt

For a Well & Pump in Thompson street near Bleecker street and Thomas Cottrell was appointed Collector.

[301] For a Well & Pump in King street between Varick & Macdougal streets and Thomas Cottrell appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents on sundry Assessments Viz[t]

For a Well & Pump in Chrystie near Bayard street

For a Well & Pump in Allen near Walker street

Whereupon Warrants were directed to issue to John Hanmer the Collector thereof

Also for re-paving Hester street from Forsyth to Norfolk street—Whereupon a Warrant was directed to issue to Thomas Cottrell the Collector thereof.

Alderman Benjamin M Brown agreeably to notice given at the last Meeting moved that the Board now reconsider the Vote at the last Meeting upon the Report of the Ferry Committee on the Lease of Hell Gate Ferry—The Question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative—So the Board refused to reconsider the Vote

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Franklin Cooley to be relieved from the payment of an Assessment presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom [302] was referred the Petition of Franklin Cooley to be relieved from personal Tax Respectfully Report

That M[r] Cooley testified that he was taxed on personal property in the 9[th] Ward on $2500 and that he is worth no personal estate. M[r] Cooley further testified that he was out of Town during the period that the Assessors Books were open.

As the Assessors Certify to the error, the Committee believing him entitled to relief and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the personal Tax of Franklin Cooley on $2500, in the 9[th] Ward be and the same is hereby remitted.

George D Strong
Henry Arcularius
Tho[s] Jeremiah

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Martha S M[c]Dougal to be relieved from the payment of Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Martha S M[c]Dougal for relief from Tax Respectfully Report

That Miss M[c]Dougall appeared before the [303] Committee and Testified that she was Taxed Twenty Dollars for personal property

in the Third Ward whereas she was not worth any personal property of any value. She further testified that she was left an Orphan & was unable to pay the Tax. As the Assessors certify to the Error, the Committee offer the following Resolution. Resolved that the personal Tax of Martha S McDougall in the Third Ward amounting to Twenty Dollars be and the same is hereby remitted.

George D Strong
Henry Arcularius
Thomas Jeremiah

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of William McDonnell to be relieved from the payment of an erroneous Tax presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of William McDonnell to be relieved from Tax Respectfully Report.

That Mr McDonnell appeared before the Committee and testified that he was Assessed for the House No 51 Bowery in the Tenth Ward on $10.000 a portion of which was Taxed on some Copper Boilers and Steam Engines which belonged to the Tenant of the premises and which in consequence of their being [304] fixed to the Wall the Assessors considered a part of the freehold. Mr Peck one of the Assessors stated that such was the case, and that he objected at the time of making the Assessment but as Mr Purdy was the oldest Assessor he submitted to his decision.

As in the opinion of the Committee the articles above enumerated are not freehold but personal property and as Mr Peck stated that the additional sum assessed on the house was $3000 for those articles the Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Tax on $3000 be deducted from the sum assessed to William McDonnell for the House & Lot 51 Bowery in the Tenth Ward.

George D Strong
Henry Arcularius
Thos Jeremiah

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Committee on Common Schools presented a Report accompanied with an Ordinance to raise by Tax additional money for the support of Common Schools.

The Committee on Common Schools beg leave to Report an Ordi-

nance which it is necessary to pass in order to carry into effect the late Law [305] of the Legislature authorising an Additional School Tax.

G Lee
John Rogers
David Bryson
Henry Arcularius
Fyler Dibblee

Whereupon the Report was adopted, and the Law passed under the title of "A Law to raise by Tax additional money for the support of Common Schools"

The Road Committee presented the following Report accompanied with an Ordinance relative to McAdamizing the 3d Avenue.

The Committee on Roads beg leave to Report an Ordinance which is necessary in order to carry into full effect the Resolution of the Common Council of the 5th April 1830 to McAdamize the 3d Avenue

G Lee
John Lovett
John Rogers
B J Meserole
Samuel Stevens.

Which was Adopted and the Ordinance passed in the words following.

"Be it Ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common [306] Council convened, that the sum of Seven thousand five hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for McAdamizing the 3d Avenue."

The Committee on Common Schools to whom had been referred the Petition of the Orphan Asylum in Prince street praying for a proportion of Public School money presented a Report which together with their Memorial and also the Remonstrance of the Public School Society were read. A Motion was made to refer back which was lost. They were then on Motion laid for consideration, and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 11th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump near 2d Street and second Avenue presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Eleventh Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump to be placed near the Junction of Second street with the second Avenue Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion a Well & Pump is much wanted at that place, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

[307] Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a Pump placed therein near the Intersection of the Second Avenue with Third street.

Fyler Dibblee
R Graves.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Committee on Applications for Offices to whom was referred the several Petitions for Office of Measurer of Grain presented the following Report in favor of appointing Thomas Frost

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom had been referred the Petitions for the Office of Measurer of Grain respectfully Report

That Richard Wiggins has resigned his Office of Measurer of Grain, that from the appearance of the List of Measurers it appears there are three of the Measurers, who devote all their time to measuring Coal they would therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that Thomas Frost be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain.

B J Meserole
Peter J Nevius
John Lovett

Which was approved, the Resolution Adopted, and he was accordingly Appointed.

[308] The Street Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Counsel respecting the opening of 17th Street and Eighth Avenue &c presented the following Report.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Communication from the Counsel of the Board that the Supreme Court had confirmed the proceedings of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, on opening 17th Street from the 3d to the 6th Avenue—Also on extending the 8th Avenue to Hudson street—Also extending Bleecker street to Hudson street, and also on extending Greenwich Lane to 8th Avenue—And that it remained with the Board to determine at what time the above improvements should be carried into Effect—Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion the aforesaid improvements should be effected without delay, and Accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the opening of 17th Street the 8th Avenue, Bleecker street, and Greenwich Lane as confirmed by the Supreme Court on the 21st & 22d of April last be carried into effect without delay and that the incumbrances be removed therefrom by the first day of June next ensuing

Thomas T Woodruff
George D Strong
[309] John Rogers
John Lovett

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Bernard McCafferty for payment of balance due him for regulating 6th Street between 1st Avenue & Avenue A presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of Bernard McCafferty praying for a payment on Account of the Money due him on his Contract for regulating Sixth street between the First Avenue and Avenue A Respectfully

Report.

That the Petitioner was obliged to borrow money to enable him to perform his said Contract and that he is now paying Seven per Cent on said Loan and is anxious to pay the same off—The whole contract has been performed, and there remains due by the Corporation to the Petitioner the sum of $ The Committee are informed that $3500, will answer his present purposes and they recommend therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller Report a Warrant in favor of Bernard McCafferty for $3500 on Account of the balance due him on the above contract

[310] W Seaman
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was Approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Woodward to have Lease of Common Lands cancelled presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Woodward praying that the Corporation may take a surrender of his

Lease for Lot N° 158 of Common Lands and discharge him from further claims for Rent

Respectfully Report.

That M^r Woodward is the Lessee of Five Lots of Common Lands, and that a considerable amount is now due from him to the Corporation for arrears of rent, through one of the said Lots N° 158 a Street is about to be opened which would require some fencing to be erected to make the remaining part fit for use: And as M^r Woodward has but about two years remaining term of said Lot he requests the Corporation to accept a surrender thereof. Under all circumstances the Committee think it would be expedient to accede to M^r Woodwards request [311] provided he will pay up on or before the first day of July next all arrears of rent due by him on the said and other Lots up to the 1^st of May Instant.

They offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that in case M^r John Woodward shall on or before the first day of July next pay all the rent due by him to the Corporation for any property leased to him up to the 1^st day of May Instant, then and in such case, the Comptroller is authorized to receive from him a surrender of his Lease as respects N° 158 of Common Lands, and M^r Woodward shall be discharged from all claim for rent upon such Lot after the 1^st day of May next

W Seaman
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the subject of extending the Bulkhead on West street between Cedar and Albany streets presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Resolution relative to extending the Bulk head on West street between Cedar and Albany streets for the purpose of selling the Public [312] Ground situated at the above Place

Respectfully Report.

That they have examined the premises in question, and have caused a Map thereof to be made from which it appears that in order to extend West street in the manner proposed by the Resolution it will be necessary to make a Bulk head along the exterior line of West

street about two hundred feet in length and to fill up within the same. The cost of such bulk head may be estimated at between Four and Five thousand Dollars, and the expence of filling up will be nothing, as the Street rubbish which now has to be carted to Bank street may be used for that purpose—The Committee are satisfied that an ample supply of Materials for filling up this Bulkhead can be obtained without Cost.

The effect of this operation will be to give the Corporation Sixteen good building Lots in one block bounded by Washington, West, Albany and Cedar streets, worth in the opinion of the Committee at least Sixty thousand Dollars and the vacant space which is now worse than useless (as it is a receptacle for various nuisances) would be converted into valuable City property—The Committee therefore are fully convinced of the propriety of extending the said bulk head for the purpose of turning the said property to account and they offer the following [313] Resolution—Resolved that a Bulk head be built along the exterior line of West street and that the said Street be made between Cedar street and Albany street.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
John Lovett
Joseph W Beadle
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented a Report in relation to Leasing Common Lands which was Laid for consideration and directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of George G Burras for reduction of rent on Lot N° 265 William street presented the following Report.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of George G Burras praying for a reduction of the rent of a Lot leased by him from the Corporation Respectfully Report.

That the said Lot is known as N° 265 William [314] street and lies between Duane and Pearl streets, the same being 30 feet front and rear by 64 feet 6 inches deep. By the terms of the Lease M$^{r}$ Burras holds it for the unexpired term of sixteen years from the 1$^{st}$

day of May 1831 at the annual rent of $2500, which he represents is more than it is worth it appears that Mr Burras was bound by his Lease to have erected on this Lot a Brick building within a certain time, which he has failed to comply with, and that there are arrearages of rent due by him; And the Committee not deeming the present rate of rent unreasonable have considered it more expedient to relieve Mr Burras entirely from his Lease than to reduce his Rent. They are of opinion that it would be more advantageous for the Corporation to take this property off the Petitioners hands and to sell it, than to abate the present rent, and they understand from him that he is willing to surrender his Lease, under these circumstances they offer and recommend the passage of the following Resolutions

Resolved that on the payment of all arrears of rent now due by Mr Burras on the above mentioned Lot, the Comptroller be authorised to accept a surrender of his Lease for the same.

Resolved that on such surrender being duly made, the said Lot be sold at Public Auction under the direction of the Finance Committee.

W Seaman
[315] Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William A Thompson for extension of time to pay Assessments presented the following Report against the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of William A Thompson praying that the time for paying certain Assessments upon property in which he is interested may be deferred for two years Respectfully Report

That they have considered the grounds upon which this application rests and are of opinion that if they should be deemed sufficient, the payment of a majority of the Assessments laid upon property in this City should with equal propriety be deferred. They are in substance that the property in question has been already considerably assessed, and that it is inconvenient at present for the owners to pay the Assessments now standing against them.

The Committee do not deem these reasons sufficient and they offer therefore the following Resolution.

[316] Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinance which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto Viz[t]

For regulating Front street from Montgomery street to Corlaers street and Abraham Dally Samuel Purdy & Peter Ogilvie Jun[r] were appointed Assessors.

For a Well & Pump in 3[d] Street near the Second Avenue and John Targee, Abraham Quick & John Harris were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner recommended the appointment of Thomas Cottrell to Collect the Assessment for opening Seventeenth street from 3[d] to the 6[th] Avenue, And John Hanmer to Collect the Assessment for extending the Eighth Avenue, Bleecker street and Greenwich Lane, and they were appointed accordingly.

[317] The Lamp Committee to whom was referred the Remonstrance against the Location of the Oil House in Mercer street presented the following Report against the Remonstrance.

The Lamp Committee to whom was referred the Remonstrance of Inhabitants against the location of the Oil House in Mercer street beg leave to Report.

That they have given the same due consideration. The Building they intend erecting will be as respectable in appearance as any in the Street and the Block of ground opposite will (judging from other parts of the Street) most likely be occupied by Stables; Your Committee are therefore of opinion they could not have made a better Location, and beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the Prayer of the Petitioners

James N Wells
Henry Arcularius
W Seaman

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Lamp Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Lamplighters for continuance of ¼ Cent per Lamp for Seven Months presented the following Report in favor of the same.

[318] The Lamp Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the City Lamp lighters for the continuance of a quarter of a Cent per Lamp for Seven Months respectfully Report.

That the Lamplighters do now receive for lighting 100 Lamps (or what is considered an inside district) 1½ Cents per Lamp for five months in the Year and for lighting 80 Lamps (or what is considered an outside district) 1¾ Cents per Lamp for the same time, and for the remaining Seven Months they all receive ¼ of a Cent per Lamp less.

They ask for the addition of this ¼ of a Cent for Seven months in the year making it 1½ Cents for a district of 100 Lamps and 1¾ Cents for a district of 80 Lamps during the whole year. Your Committee after having duly weighed the subject are of opinion that the request is a reasonable one and ought to be granted, they therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Lamplighters receive for lighting 100 Lamps 1½ Cents and for 80 Lamps 1¾ Cents per Lamp the year round

James N Wells
Henry Arcularius
W. Seaman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Watch Committee to whom was [319] referred the Petition of William Allen a Watchman for relief having broken his leg while on duty presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition from William Allen a Watchman for relief Respectfully Report

That the Petitioner is a Watchman under Captain Alsten of the 2d District that on the 16th of January last being on duty fell and broke his leg, two members of this Committee called at the House of Allen and ascertained that he has a family of Seven Children dependent upon him for support, he is one of our Licensed Cartmen and has in consequence of this accident been compelled to sell his Horse for their relief he is represented by your Committee as a steady and Industrious man, they would therefore recommend that the Amount of his Watch pay be given to him from the 16th of January last until the 1st day of June next, when it is probable he will be able again to resume his duty, the Amount will be Sixty 50/100 Dollars for 9 *pays* [days] & 5 Nights we therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Warrant be drawn in favor of William Allen for Sixty $^{5}/_{100}$ Dollars

John Lovett
David Bryson
Jon$^{a}$ Seymour
P. W Engs.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

[320] The Watch Committee to whom was referred the Petitions for Office of Assistant Captain of 1$^{st}$ District City Watch presented the following Report in favor of the appointment of John Purse.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred several Petition[s] for the situation of Assistant Captain of the 1$^{st}$ District Watch Respectfully

Report

That from among the applicants the annexed Petitioner John Purse has been selected, we therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that John Purse be and he is hereby appointed Assistant Captain of the 1$^{st}$ District Watch under Captain Fisher.

John Lovett
David Bryson
Jon$^{a}$ Seymour

A Motion was made to go into Ballot which was agreed to, and the Board accordingly proceeded to Ballot when John Purse was duly elected.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips on the Petition of William Van Derbilt & others to erect a Gate across the Pier West side of Catharine Slip presented the following Report against the same.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred a Petition from E W Nichols & [321] others for permission to erect a Gate on Pier Westerly side of Catharine Slip, and for an exclusive Birth on the lower side of said Pier for their Steam Boat

Respectfully Report.

That the Petitioners apply for a privilege of erecting a Gateway across said Pier commencing 120 feet from the outer end, which will they state be an accommodation to the Public; Your Committee however are of a different opinion and think that our Public Piers are

and ought to be considered as public highways equally with our streets, and to grant to Individuals the right of erecting Fences or Gates whereby the Public may be excluded, would be highly improper, on the application for an exclusive birth for their Steam Boat the Committee are of opinion that the Finance Committee who rent the Wharves & Piers are the proper Committee to decide on that subject— The following Resolution is therefore offered.

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner

John Lovett
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb
Joseph W Beadle

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[322] M^r^ Jeremiah presented the following Resolution which was read and Adopted

Resolved that the Comptroller have power to issue his Warrant during the recess of the Board to the Mess^rs^ Demilts for Fifteen hundred dollars on Act^t^ of the Public Clock now nearly completed in the City Hall.

M^r^ Rogers presented the following Resolution which was read and referred to the Street Committee

Resolved that Seventeenth street be regulated from Third to Sixth Avenue.

The Report of the Finance Committee on the Petition of Hopkins & Hawley relative to Lot N^o^ 233 Front street which was laid on the Table at the last meeting was called up and read as follows.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Gilbert Hopkins and Judson Hawley praying for a renewal of a Lease of Lot Number 233 Front street Respectfully Report

That the said Lot is held under a renewable Lease from the Corporation which will shortly expire and that a three story Brick Store has been erected upon it according to the terms of the Lease. While this subject has been pending before the Committee [323] the Petitioners have expressed a desire to purchase the said Lot from the Corporation and the Committee believing it to be expedient to sell property thus situated whenever the same can be done upon fair terms have caused the said premises to be examined and are of opinion that Five thousand Dollars would be a fair price for the said Lot. The Com-

mittee are informed that the Petitioners are willing to give that price and they offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel to the Board prepare a Deed to the said Petitioners for the said Lot for the price of $5000, (together with the expences of such Deed) payable on the 1st day of May next and that such Deed be authenticated during the recess of the Board.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
Peter J Nevius
G Lee
Anthony Lamb

After some discussion, the Question was taken on adopting the Report and it passed in the Negative—A Resolution was proposed that the Lot should be sold at Auction for a sum not less than $5500, before the Question was taken it appeared there was not a Quorum present

The Board then adjourned to Monday next at 5 OClock P M.

[324] The Comptroller presented the following Report of Cash Account.

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| Balance as per Actt 18 April | $1,431.08 |
| Recd for Tax of 1830 | 34,400. |
| " Streets | 6,762.16 |
| " Rents | 4.595.30 |
| " Commutation Alien Passengers | 1.250. |
| " Lien on Lots | 639.31 |
| " Wells & Pumps | 78.17 |
| " Mayoralty fees | 55. |
| " Stage Licences | 48. |
| | $49.259.02 |

117 Accounts Audited & directed to be paid.

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| Blauvelt & Stewart Watch 1st Dist | $1392.12 |
| Asten & Field Do 2 " | 994. |
| Stagg & Herring Do 3 " | 1049.18 |
| J Morton Clerk C C 1 Qr Salary 1 May | 500. |
| A B Martling Keeper City Hall " " | 250. |
| H Storms Inspector of Hacks " " | 200. |
| D D Williamson Messenger 1 Qr Salary 26 April & Indexing | 175. |
| John Ahern Asst Clerk Mayors Office 1 Qr 1 May | 125. |
| O Ayres & J Coffin Asst City Inspectors 1 Mo 1 May | 117. |
| Astin & Higbee Asst Keepers City Hall " " | 75. |
| C Myers Keeper Pottersfield " " | 67.50 |
| David J. Burger reg Public Clocks 1 Qr " | 50. |

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| John R Soper | Stᵗ Inspr | 1 | Ward | 1 Mo | 1 May | ..... | 45. |
| T Woolcocks | " | 2 | " | " | " | ..... | 45. |
| [325] J. B Ebbetts | " | 3ᵈ | " | " | " | ..... | 45. |
| N B Lyon | " | 4 | " | " | " | ..... | 45. |
| I A Isaacs | " | 5 | " | " | " | ..... | 45. |
| A Morris | " | 6 | " | " | " | ..... | 45. |
| F Gantz | " | 7 | " | " | " | ..... | 45. |
| Wᵐ G Babb | " | 8 | " | " | " | ..... | 45. |
| H B Roome | " | 9 | " | " | " | ..... | 45. |
| T Austin | " | 10 | " | " | " | ..... | 45. |
| A Hatfield | " | 11 | " | " | " | ..... | 45. |
| E Kingsland | " | 12 | " | " | " | ..... | 45. |
| D Hubbard | " | 13 | " | " | " | ..... | 45. |
| P. Field | " | 14 | " | " | " | ..... | 45. |
| M Ulshoeffer Costs & Counsel fees in the case of Bergh... | | | | | | | 520.13 |
| A B Martling Keeper City Hall Expences 1 Qʳ 1 May..... | | | | | | | 483.75 |
| J Morton Expences to Washington relative to North Battery ..... | | | | | | | 200. |
| J Morton C C C for Postage & Hack Actᵃ..... | | | | | | | 29.82 |
| J Pinckney & A Parker Asst Board of Health 1 Mo 1 May | | | | | | | 104. |
| John M Bloodgood Asst Superdᵗ Streets 1 Qʳ 1 May.... | | | | | | | 375. |
| Geo Duryea | Clerk | Fulton Market | | 1 Mo | " | .... | 101.67 |
| L Baum | Dᵒ | Washington " | | " | " | .... | 79.17 |
| J Gilbert | Dᵒ | Clinton & Greenwich | | " | " | .... | 63. |
| J Bremner | Dᵒ | Catharine | | " | " | .... | 60. |
| J M Devoy | Dᵒ | 3 Markets | | " | " | .... | 57.50 |
| S Fleet | Dᵒ | Centre | | " | " | .... | 55.50 |
| R Smith | Dᵒ | Franklin | | " | " | .... | 37.50 |
| J Seaman | Dᵒ | Manhattan | | " | " | .... | 30.00 |
| [326] S Jones | Chief Justice | Superior Court | | 1 Qʳ | Salary | 1 May | 625. |
| J O Hoffman | | Dᵒ | | " | | " | 625. |
| T J Oakley | | Dᵒ | | " | | " | 625. |
| D. T Valentine | Marshal | Marine Court | | 1 Mo | 1 May & addition ..... | | 136.50 |
| Eber Wheaton | Justice | 1. 2. 3 Wards | Salary | 12 March | 1 May... | | 222.22 |
| E Morrell | Dᵒ | 4. 6 | " | 1 Qʳ | " | ... | 400. |
| A Woodward | Dᵒ | 9. 11 | " | " | " | ... | 400. |
| C McEwen | Dᵒ | 7. 10. 13 | " | 14 March | to 1 May | | 208.89 |
| D M Cowdrey | Clerk | Court | 1. 2. 3 Wards | 1 Qʳ | 1 May... | | 187.50 |
| Geo: Betts | | Dᵒ | 4. 6 | " | " | ... | 187.50 |
| Jaˢ Lozier | | Dᵒ | 7. 10. 13 | " | " | ... | 187.50 |
| R L Jaques | | Dᵒ | 9. 11 | " | " | ... | 187.50 |
| R Varick | Rent for | Court | 1. 2. 3 Wards | " | " | ... | 60. |
| J & W McKenzie | | Dᵒ | 4. 6 " | " | " | ... | 32.50 |
| H M Britton | | Dᵒ | 5. 8. 14 " | 6 Mo | " | ... | 125. |
| W M Whitaker | | Dᵒ | 7. 10. 13 " | 1 Qʳ | " | ... | 25. |
| Benjⁿ Ferris | | Dᵒ | 9. 11 " | " | " | ... | 25. |

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| J Martine Clerk Tompkins Market 1 Mo 1 May..... | $35. |
| Mrs Smith widow of Lemuel Smith Decd bal due Estate... | 112.61 |
| T Farrington & J W Somrendyke Sunday service 6 Ward 17 days each | 51. |
| C Hunttington Do 1st 17 days..... | 25.50 |
| J M Thomas Do 6th 17 days..... | 25.50 |
| Jas M Oakley Do 7th 17 days..... | 25.50 |
| J Dewey Do 2d 15 days..... | 22.50 |
| Peter See Clerk of Court 5. 8. 14 Wards 1 Qr Salary 1 May | 187.50 |
| John F Sibell Stationary 6 Mo 1 May..... | 582.72 |
| [327] Gould Banks & Co Laws of the State Charters &c.... | 305.33 |
| Courier & Enquirer Subscription 6 Mo 1 April..... | 50. |
| Mercantile Advertiser Do 1 May..... | 50. |
| Jas Manning for Inspectors & Clerks of Election 1 Ward | 50. |
| Saml Gilford Junr Do 2 " | 61. |
| G Forbes Do 3 | 52. |
| G Everson Do 4 | 52. |
| Robt M Russell Do 5 | 65. |
| C Crolius Do 6 | 61. |
| Abm Dally Do 7 | 52. |
| E S Connor Do 8 | 65. |
| T Morris Do 9th | 65. |
| J Pigott Do 10th | 65. |
| Saml D Jackson Do 11th | 65. |
| James Flanagan Do 12th | 65. |
| P Ogilvie Junr Do 13th | 65. |
| Wm C Wales Do 14th | 52. |
| Valleau & Flander 82 days service Cleaning Sewers..... | 123. |
| Abm Leggett Superdt Mud Scow 2 weeks to 1 May..... | 183.31 |
| J P Dieterich Auction fees on Docks & Slips & Cath Market | 25. |
| Elijah Purdy for Lot of ground Ludlow St for Engine No 8 | 1400. |
| Corporation Trinity Church Rent of Ground Reade St 1 year 1 May..... | 75. |
| J Sidell First Marshall to pay Officers Attens Election.... | 520. |
| Saml Judd 59 Casks Oil..... | 1708.72 |
| G Snethen Lighting Lamps Gas &c 1 Mo 1 May..... | 1513.41 |
| J Dunn & Son making & Repairing Lamps &c 1 Mo 1 May | 135.46 |
| [328] R Provoost painting & Repairing Lamps &c 1 Mo 1 May ..... | 135.46 |
| Layman & Co Setting Lamp Posts &c 1 Qr 1 May..... | 82.72 |
| C & R S Goff 16 Boxes Glass for Gas Lamps..... | 104.25 |
| Thos Bolton & Associates Comrs fees opening 8th Avenue Bleeck[er] St & G[reenwich] Lane | 1447.50 |
| R Emmet Atty Costs & Court Charges Do Do | 1383.33 |
| A Bloodgood & Associates Comrs fees opening 17th Street | 350.75 |
| R Emmet Attys. Cost & Court Charges Do | 346.86 |
| Wm Hamilton Awd closing Southampton Road fm 14th to 15th St ..... | 818. |

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| T Cummings Actt pavg 13th St fm 5th Avenue to Greenwich Lane | 550. | |
| R Pettigrew Actt reg & pavg Delancy St fm Goerck St to Bulkhead | 230. | |
| H Cochran repavg Coenties Slip fm Front to South St | 111.04 | |
| T Cummings Actt reg 14th St between 6th & 7th Avenues | 100. | |
| A Quinn filling up West St at Hammond St | 32.48 | |
| Edwd Doughty Surveys &c 1 Qur 1 April | 121.43 | |
| A M Allerton bal works 8 Avenue from 93d to 111th Street | 1909.69 | |
| J Pollock bal gravelling 8th Avenue fm 21st St 2 Miles North | 200. | |
| Wm Hockman 1st payt buildg addition to Pier Oliver St | 625. | |
| Wm Hockman repairs sundry Piers North & East Rivers | 514.28 | |
| L Murray Treasr N York Dispensary for Vaccine Department | 600. | |
| J Fleming Treasr to pay Interest City Stock 1 Qr 1 May | 8750. | |
| A Burtis Super Alms House Salary 1 Mo to 1 May | 133.33 | |
| A Burtis Super Alms House for Alms House | 5000. | |
| A Burtis bal Actt for new Penitentiary audited 21s Apl | 1090.31 | |
| A Burtis Do Commissions on Expenditure for erecting new Penitentiary | 414.25 | |
| B McCafferty Actt reg 6th St fm 1st Avenue to Avenue A | 1200.00 | 47.167.61 |
| | Balance | $2.091.41 |

[331] In Common Council May 9th 1831

Present The Honble Walter Bowne Mayor President
Richard Riker Esquire Recorder

| Aldermen | Assistants. |
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| Peter J Nevius | Jonathan Seymour |
| Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| George D Strong | Peter S Townsend |
| William Seaman | William Scott |
| James N Wells | Benjamin M Brown |
| Benjamin M Brown | John Rogers |
| Bernard J Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| Gideon Lee | Fyler Dibblee |
| James Palmer | Peter Cooper |
| Thomas T Woodruff | John Lovett |
| | Philip W Engs |

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of the Lessees of District No 8 of Wharves & Piers to have one Birth at the foot of Catharine street set apart for a Steam

Boat and the application of the owner of said Boat for said purpose was read and the prayer of the Petition granted.

[332] An application from the National Academy of design for permission to place a transparency at the South end of the Park to indicate the Place (Clinton Hall) where the Paintings of the Academy are exhibited was read and the prayer of the Petitioner granted.

A Remonstrance of Edmund Moorewood against regulating 17th Street was read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of the Trustees of Columbia College and owners of property in the vicinity of Murray Barclay & Chaple streets praying that, that part of Chaple street lying between Murray and Barclay street may be called "College Place." was read and the prayer of the Petition granted

A Remonstrance of the New York African Free School Society against granting any portion of the Public School funds to the Roman Catholic Benevolent Society was read and Laid on the Table.

A Petition of John Kent & others for a Well & Pump in Mangin street near Grand, street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of John *Lawden* [Lowden] & others for a [333] Well & Pump on the North East corner of Suffolk & Rivington street was read and referred to Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of James Gordon and others for a Well & Pump near the intersection of 8th Avenue and 18th Street was read and referred to Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Joseph P Simpson to have a Penalty remitted for permitting sand to remain in front of his premises contrary to Law was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Isaacs to be released from his contract in the purchase of District N° 4 of Piers & Slips was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance from Francis Kain and others Electors of the Fifth Ward against the late Election for Charter Officers on account of various alledged irregularities of the Inspectors of the Election, and praying that a new Election may be held in said Ward was read and the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to take charge of said Remonstrance and papers accompanying it and hand them over to the President of the New Board of Aldermen as soon as the said Board shall [334] be organized—A Resolution was also presented by Mr Arcularius requesting the Mayor to suspend for the present the

swearing into Office the Charter Officers returned by the Inspectors of the 5th Ward which was disposed of in the same manner.

A Petition of Jacob A Vandenheuvel to have the time for the payment of $6000, 5 per Cent City Stock belonging to his brother now in Holland extended was read, and the following Resolution was read and Adopted. Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to suspend the payment of Six thousand Dollars of City Stock of 1821 held by Isaac G Van DenHeuvel of Brussels till the first day of July next, after which day the Interest on said Stock shall cease.

A Petition of John Pollock for payment of the Balance due him for regulating the Seventh Avenue from 13th to 21st Street was read and Referred to the Finance Committee.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Return of Firemen which was read, the Resignations were Accepted and the appointments made Vizt

Fire Engine Co

[335] No 2

Peter Peterson Gilder 38 Essex St
William Hubble Printer 15 Eldridge St } to fill the Company

No 13

Peter L Tonnele—Merchant Broadway
Vc John N Mott—Left the City

No 14

James Paulmier—Cabinet Maker 254 Greenwich St
Vc Thomas A Selleck—Resigned

No 15

Frederick Harsen Turner 28 Chrystie St
Vc Robert Brown—Time Expired

No 26

Henry J Willetts Grocer Madison St To fill Company

No 28

Andrew Bleakley Tailor 240 Hudson St
Vc Alfred R Willis—Resigned.

No 30

David Westerfield—Chair Maker 175 Forsyth St
Vc James Madden Resigned

N° 40

James Ryer—Butcher 184 Mott S^t^ V^c^ Evert Wessells—Resigned
John L Mott—Carpenter 133 Thompson S^t^
V^c^ Thomas Sherwood Resigned

[336] N° 36

Abraham Lent—Copper plate Printer 11 Grand S^t^
V^c^ Frederick S Lynch Resigned.

The City Inspector presented the following Report of Ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances Viz^t^

The City Inspector respectfully Reports the following Ordinances for correcting Nuisances Viz^t^

| | | | | |
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| N° 1 | Doc^r^ E L Winthrop | owner | S side Ludlow S^t^ | Lots |
| 2. | Robert Shankland | " | 22 Thames S^t^ | D° |
| 3. | Elisha W King | " | N side 12^th^ S^t^ | D° |
| 4. | Estate of A S Glass (Dec^d^) | " | S side 13^th^ S^t^ | D° |
| 5. | John Stevens | " | E side Columbia S^t^ | D° |
| 6. | Robert L Livingston | " | D° | D° |
| 7. | John OHare | " | N E cor Amity & M^c^Dougall | D° |
| 8. | Tho^s^ Pearsall | Lessee | S side 12^th^ Street | Cow Stable |
| 9. | John J Suffern | owner | S side 5^th^ Street | Lots |
| 10. | Nich^s^ W Stuyvesant | " | between 8 & 11^th^ S^ts^ & 1^st^ & 3^d^ Avenue | " |
| 11. | James Scott | " | N° 104 Cannon S^t^ | Cellar |
| 12. | Hannah Brown | " | 273 Stanton S^t^ | Privy |
| 13. | Peter Aymar | " | 9 Beekman S^t^ | D° |
| 14. | J. or R Williamson | " | 24 Thames S^t^ | D° |
| 15. | Ann Wymbs | " | 49 East Broadway | D° |
| 16. | Stephen Van Ranseller | " | 174 Bowery | D° |
| 17. | Statts Bogart | " | 42 Leonard S^t^ | D° |
| 18. | Juliette Raymer | " | 172 Walker S^t^ | D° |
| 19. | D° | | 35 Elizabeth | D° |
| 20. | [337] Margaret *Pende-gates* [Prendergast] | " | 274 Broome S^t^ | D° |
| 21. | Morgan Lewis | " | 90 Allen S^t^ | D° |
| 22. | Robert Shankland | " | 22 Thames S^t^ | D° |
| 23. | Joseph Moore | " | 18 Greene S^t^ | D° |

Which were read and passed

I Warren City Inspector

The City Inspector presented an Ordinance to fill in Sunken Lots situate on the North side of Ninth street—Also North side of Tenth street between the Fifth & Sixth Avenues at the Public expence and recommending that a Lien be taken on the premises which was read and passed.

The Comptroller presented the following Report on Release of Quit

Rent on Water Lot granted to Ann Byvanck Commuted by Cornelius J Bogert & others.

The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Board for their approbation, a Release of Quit Rent on a Water Lot granted to Ann Byvanck on the 3d day of January 1804 and which was commuted by Cornelius J Bogert and Henry Kneeland in behalf of his Children on the 2d Instant. This Indenture is approved by the Counsel of the Board

Respectfully submitted

G N Bleecker Comptr

[338] Which was approved and the Release ordered to be executed during the recess of the Board.

The Comptroller presented the following Report on the Treasurers Accounts for the last 6 Months.

The Comptroller respectfully Reports, that he has examined the Account of the Treasurer for Six Months to the 1st Instant. Also his Account with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the same period and finds them Correct.

G. N Bleecker Comptr

Which was read and ordered on file.

The Street Commissioner presented a Final return of delinquents on sundry Assessments which was read and Referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment for regulating 15th Street Whereupon a Warrant was directed to be issued to John Hanmer to collect the same.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Communication respecting the Building of a Bulkhead across Gouverneurs Slip

The Street Commissioner respectfully informs the Common Council that in order to [339] complete Front street between Montgomery and Corlears street it will be necessary to sink a Bulkhead across Goverenur Slip the probable Cost of which will be about $3000 two thirds of which will be paid by Assessments and one third by this Corporation.

The expression of the Board of Common Council is respectfully solicited on the subject. An Ordinance has already passed for making that street.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R Graves St Commr

Which was approved and an Ordinance directed to be reported which was subsequently done. See Page 362.

The Committee on cleaning Streets presented the following Report on the accounts of the Superintendent of Streets.

The Committee on cleaning Streets in closing their duties beg leave to make an exhibit of the operations of the department since their last Report on the 1st January 1831 That the sales have amounted to $7313,5 during the same period the expences were $7472.73 of which sum $1971.06 was expended in collecting Coal ashes, removing Snow &c not considered strictly as chargeable to cleaning streets which if deducted leaves a Balance in favor of the Department of $1811,$^{38}/_{100}$.

Wm Mandeville
[340] Jonas Seymour
George D Strong
Isaac Brown
James Palmer

which [was] read, approved and ordered to be filed.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the several Petitions for the Office of Measurer of Grain presented the following Report in favor of appointing Oliver H Tompkins & Henry Batterman.

The Committee on Applications for Office to whom was referred the Petitions for Office of Measurer of Grain Respectfully Report.

That James Sands holding a Warrant as Measurers has removed to Poughkeepsie, that Samuel Johnson who holds a Warrant as a Measurer has quit the business, that neither of them have Measured any Grain for two or three years, they therefore offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that Oliver H Tompkins & Henry Batterman be and they are hereby appointed Measurers of Grain in the place of James Sands left the City and Samuel Johnston who has quit the business

Respectfully submitted

B J Meserole
John Lovett
[341] Peter J Nevius.

Which was approved and they were accordingly appointed.

The Committee on Arts & Sciences presented the following Report on subject of the Bell in the Cupola of the City Hall.

The Committee on Arts & Sciences beg leave to Report that the original appropriation of $1500 for the Hall Bell has been found inadequate to the expence incurred, and leaves a ballance due to James

P Allaire of $874,99. The Committee would remark that in contracting for said Bell Mr Allaire would not be Bound for the exact sum at the disposal of the Committee, but agreed to come as near to their views in relation to dimensions and weight as possible, and the result was that the Bell amounted by Weight to $2087 and that the expences of turning raising, Standard frames and other preparations Increased the Amount to $2374,99 leaving a deficiency as aforesaid. Under the circumstances mentioned your Committee submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the sum of $874.99 be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of balance due James B Allaire on the City Bell

Thomas Jeremiah
P. S. Townsend

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

[342] The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of paving Asylum street between Christopher street and the Sixth Avenue. presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of paving paving Asylum street between Christopher street and the Sixth Avenue, together with so much of Jones street as may be necessary to conform to the regulation of Asylum street Respectfully

Report

That in their opinion the paving of those streets is much required, And accordingly recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions.

Resolved that Asylum street be paved from the Sixth Avenue to Christopher street.

Resolved that so much of Jones street between Bleecker street and Asylum street be repaved as shall be required to conform to the regulation of Asylum street

Thomas T Woodruff
Jno Rogers
William Scott
John Lovett
George D Strong

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was [343] referred the subject of regulating 17th Street between the 3d & 6th Avenues presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of regulating 17th Street between the 3d and 6th Avenues Respectfully Report—that the regulating of that Street is much required and ought in the opinion of your Committee to be carried into effect without delay as that the Bloomingdale road is to be paved immediately, and there is no other mode by which the water can be carried off but through 17th Street—They therefore submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that Seventeenth Street be pitched and regulated from the Third Avenue to the Sixth Avenue.

Thomas T Woodruff
Jn° Rogers
William Scott
John Lovett
George D Strong

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted. after the Remonstrance of Edmund Morewood against the same had been called up and Read.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for repaving Barclay [344] Street from Church to Greenwich street and also the Remonstrance against the same presented the following Report in favor of the Petition.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for re-paving Barclay street from Church street to Greenwich street and also the remonstrance against the same Respectfully

Report

that they have viewed the premises and duly considered the same and are of the opinion that inasmuch as that the pavement of that Section of the Street requires extensive repairs the expence of which would nearly equal an entire repavement, your Committee believe that it would promote the interests of the persons to be affected if the Street should be repaved at this time. Accordingly they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that Barclay street be repaved from Greenwich street to and including the intersection of Church street.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
George D Strong.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of paving 8th Street and 9th Street, also [345] a Remonstrance against the same presented the following Report in favor of the Petition.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of Paving 8th Street and 9th Street each from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue, and the remonstrance against that of 8th Street Respectfully

Report.

That in their opinion those streets ought to be paved in order to prevent the Earth from being carried to and deposited in the Minetto Sewer, the which if permitted to do will in a short time render it necessary to have that Sewer cleansed at a very heavy public expence, They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions.

Resolved that Eighth street be paved from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue.

Resolved that Ninth street be paved from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue.

Thomas T Woodruff
John Rogers
William Scott
John Lovett
George D Strong

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom [346] was referred the Petition for a Well and Pump in 9th Street presented the following Report in favor of the same

The Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition for a Well & Pump in 9th Street near the 6th Avenue, Respectfully Report that in their opinion a Well & Pump is much wanted at that place, and accordingly submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that a Well be dug and built and a Pump placed therein in 9th Street near the Sixth Avenue.

James N Wells
Jn° Rogers
R Graves.

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants of the 3d & 5th Wards praying that the Manure Boats may be removed from the vicinity of foot of Duane & Reed streets presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants of the 3d & 5th Wards residing in the vicinity of [347] Reed & Duane streets praying that the Manure Boats may be removed from that vicinity Respectfully

Report

That they have taken the said Petition into their consideration, and believe the Representations made by the Petitioners to be true, and that the Slip at the foot of Duane street is much frequented by Vessels bringing Materials and Marketing to the City

It is also represented by the Petitioners that many other Vessels would resort to this Slip and those of a much better class if those Manure Boats were removed—This neighbourhood has been much improved of late years by the erection of new buildings and an increase of population, and there can be no doubt but the owners of Property in this vicinity sustain considerable injury by the location of these Boats. The Basin at the North Battery would in the opinion of the Committee be a proper location for these Boats there are no buildings on West street opposite this Basin except two at the corner of Hubert street consequently there are no Inhabitants to be annoyed by them the Committee therefore propose for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Manure Boats be removed from the Duane street Basin and that the same be located in the Basin at the North Battery between Hubert and Vestry streets.

[348] John Lovett
Anthony Lamb
Isaac Brown
Peter J Nevius

Whereupon the Report was approved & the Resolution [adopted]

The Committee on Public Offices and Repairs to whom was referred the Memorial of Justices of the Marine Court for certain Repairs in their Court Room presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Committee on Public Offices & Repairs to whom was referred the Memorial of the Justices of the Marine Court praying that certain Repairs and fixtures may be made to their Court Room.

Respectfully Report.

That in their opinion the Windows and Judges seat in said Court Room ought to be furnished with Curtains and drapery, and for this purpose, the sum of One hundred dollars will be requisite.

The Committee therefore propose for the consideration of the Board the following Resolution.

Resolved that the sum of One hundred Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of fitting up the Marine Court Room to be expended under the direction of the aforesaid Committee

Anthony Lamb
[349] Thomas Jeremiah
Wm Mandeville
James N Wells
Henry Arcularius
David Bryson

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department presented the following Report on the Public Reservoir.

The Committee on the Fire Department at the close of their term, ask leave to Report upon the " Public Reservoir "

That they have accomplished this trust as far as directed by the Board leaving $805.18 yet unexpended of the appropriations to this object.

The most sanguine anticipations of your Committee are realised, both as it relates to the mode of procuring the water, and the supply being ample, and the public are assured by p[r]actical result that the property lying between Broadway and Third Avenue & the Bowery in the extensive line from 13th Street to Canal street on one side and to Chatham Square on the other with that to a great extent on the East and West side of these main Pipes are better protected from destruction by Fire than any other property in this City.

[350] Various trials have been made from the hydrants, to ascertain the power of the Water, it is found that on the whole line, it forces itself over a two Story house, and on many parts over one of three stories high. The stream from each hydrant being equal at least in quantity to what is produced from two Fire Engines, it was also found that one hydrant would over run two Engines in one minute, they working with all their power at the same time.

But the most practical evidence of the certain success of this enterprize was witnessed at a late fire, in a cluster of wooden Stables in the centre of a Block between Mott & Elizabeth street on which two streams from the Bowery and two from Broadway were brought from the Hydrants and altho the wind blew very high, the spread of the

Fire to the Front buil[d]ings was prevented, and Thousands of dollars were saved which could not otherwise have been.

As no other expenditure is necessary in order to give to the whole City, the benefit of the water from the Public Reservoir except the laying down of Pipes Hydrants and Stop Cocks, Your Committee consider that it will be the duty of the Common Council to meet the wishes of the Inhabitants by extending from time to time to different sections, its advantages, they have after due consideration concluded to recommend laying Pipes of 12 Inch bore from [351] the termination in Chatham Square down to Pearl Street thence to William street and down that street to Hanover Square—Pipes of 10 Inch bore through Houston to Bedford street and thence to Christopher street, and of 6 Inch bore through Delancy to Cannon street, with the necessary number of Stop Cocks & Hydrants for the whole.

The estimated cost of these extensions will be about $27.000. The following Resolution is offered.

Resolved that Pipes be laid and Hydrants and Stopcocks put down in conformity to the recommendations in this Report, and the sum of $27.000 is hereby appropriated to defray the expence of the same

Benjamin M Brown
P. W Engs
Samuel Stevens
James Palmer
William Scott
John Rogers.

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the charges against David Field Captain of 2d District City Watch presented the following Report.

The Watch Committee to whom was referred the annexed charges against David Field Captain of 2d District Watch Respectfully Report.

[352] That the charges preferred against Captain Field are for disobedience & contempt of orders from the Chairman of the Watch Committee and for suspending a Watchman from Duty and not reporting the same agreeable to the Law on that subject.

The first case is that of Harrison Palmer, who in consequence of Sickness was temporarily suspended as is usual in like cases on his recovery he reported himself to the Chairman as able to resume his duty as a Watchman, from this representation the Chairman sent a

Letter to Captain Field ordering him to re-instate Palmer the first vacancy, in place of obeying the instructions contained in that letter, he posted another man, altho in the investigation it was admitted by Captain Field that a Post was vacant when said instructions were received.

The 2d Charge for suspending a Man named Roseborne and making no Report of the same to the Chairman of the Watch Committee until five days had elapsed and not until after Captain Field had been reported to the Common Council for that Offence. This charge also the Committee conclude has been fully proven, the Law in cases of suspension, makes it the duty of the Captain to report the same to the Chairman without delay under the penalty of dismission from Office.

Your Committee are of opinion that it is the duty of the Captains of the Watch to obey all reasonable [353] instructions or orders of the Watch Committee. Captain Field however has pursued a line of conduct in opposition to this principle, but as there is a difference of opinion in the Committee as to the Resolution proper to offer on this occasion some being in favor of recommending the removal of Captain Field others preferring a resolution of censure, the following Resolution is therefore offered.

Resolved that the conduct of Capt Field in not obeying the instructions of the Watch Committee and for suspending one of his men without reporting the same as the Law directs is highly improper and merits severe censure.

John Lovett
Jonas Seymour
David Bryson

A Motion was made to lay the Report on the Table which was Negatived. Mr Lovett presented the following Resolution as a substitute

"Resolved that David Field Captain of the Second District Watch be and he is hereby removed from Office." The Question was then taken on Adopting the Report of the Committee which passed in the Negative. Mr Lovetts Resolution was then taken into consideration. Considerable debates arose thereon when the Previous question was called for and the call sustained.

The question was then taken on Mr Lovetts Resolution and a Division being called the Members voted as follows. Alderman Seaman and Alderman Lee [354] having been at their own request excused from voting

Affirmative Mr Recorder Ald Wells Woodruff Mr Bryson Arcularius Beadle Rogers Lovett 8

Negative Ald Nevius Stevens I Brown Lamb Strong Meserole Palmer Mr Seymour Mandeville Townsend Scott Jeremiah Dibblee Cooper Engs 15

So it passed in the Negative.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Morss for purchase of Gore of Land on 11th Street presented the following Report in favor of the same.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annexed Petition of John Morss for the purchase of a Gore of Land Respectfully

Report.

[355] That the said Gore was Awarded to the Corporation by the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment on opening Eleventh street at the price of Three hundred and fifty five Dollars and Eighty four Cents. The Committee have ascertained that the Petitioner is the owner of the Land adjoining the said Gore, and that he is willing to pay the above price with the interest thereon for the same. They offer therefore the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board prepare a Deed for the said Gore to the said John Morss he paying the above sum therefor with interest from the also the expences of the said Deed, and that the said Deed be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Beverly Robinson for a Water Grant in the 12th Ward presented the following Report in favor of the Petition.

The Finance Committee to whom was [356] referred the Petition of Beverly Robinson praying for a Water Grant respectfully Report

That Mr Robinson applies for a Grant of the land covered with Water lying between the end of 24th Street and the end of 25th Street on the North River and being the owner of the upland adjoining the same, he has the pre-emptive right to such grant, to extend 400 feet into the River from Low Water mark.

They therefore recommend that such grant be made upon the usual terms as to quit Rents and reservations for Streets &c and they offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Counsel to the Board prepare such Grant and that the same be executed in the usual manner.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Resolution to assume the occupancy of the Bulkhead and Waters on the Westerly side of West street between Hubert & Vestry streets presented the following Report

The Finance Committee to whom [*356] was referred the annexed Resolution recommending that the Corporation should assume the occupancy of the Bulkhead and Waters on the Westerly side of West street between Hubert and Vestry streets as being required for public purposes Respectfully Report

That they have caused a Map and survey of the premises referred to by the said Resolution to be made and have procured a statement containing extracts from the several grants extending along the line of Bulkhead proposed to be taken which Map and statement are annexed hereto and shew accurately the situation of the said property with the names of the respective parties interested therein and the extent of their several interests. From these it will appear that with the exception of Fifty three feet of the said line between Hubert and Vestry street lying in front of property now owned by Oliver Field, the several grantees or those now holding under them are entitled to the wharfage &c in front of their respective grants until the same by a Resolution of the Corporation in Common Council shall be required for establishing a Public Slip or basin and no longer. The Committee are decidedly of opinion that the time has arrived when it would be expedient to convert the space lying along this line and between the Pier at the foot of Vestry street and the Bridge leading to the North Battery (which has been recently ceded [358] back by the United States to the Corporation) into a public Slip. With respect to

* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

the above mentioned 53 feet which are claimed by Mr Field, free from the proviso above recited which applies to the remaining premises along the said line, the Committee do not think that the peculiar situation of this small portion (being less than one eighth of the whole line) should cause any delay or hesitation in assuming the remaining part for such public purpose, the respective rights of Mr Field and of the Corporation may be settled hereafter upon just and proper terms; nor can the existence of Mr Fields claim interfere in any way with such proceedings as the Corporation may think it expedient to adopt under the conditions of the grants which embrace the residue of the premises in question.

With these views of the subject referred to them the Committee submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Bulkhead and Waters along the line of West street and between Hubert street and Vestry street is required for establishing a Public Slip or Basin according to the conditions of the Grants heretofore made for the land under Water Easterly of the said line, and therefore, Resolved that the Resolution hereunto annexed (offered by Alderman Seaman on the 31st May 1830) be passed

W Seaman
[359] Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolutions Adopted

The *Resolution of 31st May 1830 was in the words following

" Resolved that it is expedient that this Corporation should assume the occupancy of the Bulkhead and Waters on the Westerly side of West street between Hubert and Vestry street as it is now required for public purposes and which is to be relinquished by the proprietors of the Water grants when the same shall be so required for public purposes."

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Thomas Cummings, Robert Pettigrew & Christopher Keyes for payment of monies due on contracts presented the following Report in favor.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of

* Marginal note reads *See Vol 72. Page 129.*—ED.

Thomas Cummings Robert Pettigrew and Christopher Keyes for the payment of monies due them on sundry Contracts

Respectfully Report that they find balances due to Thomas Cummings as follows Viz[t]

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| [360] For paving 13th Street from 3d to 5th Avenue | | $733.13 |
| " paving 8th Avenue from 13th to 21st Street | | 1087.76 |
| " paving 21st Street from 8th to 9th Avenue | | 495.44 |
| " paving 20th Street from 6th to 9th Avenue | | 1665.64 |
| Making together the sum of | | $3981.97 |

which balances your Committee deem it expedient to recommend the payment of. They also further Report, there is yet a balance due to Robert Pettigrew on his contract for regulating 5th Street of $12.873 16/100 as this work has been completed a considerable time nearly a year they would recommend to the Board a payment to him on Account of $9000. They also beg leave to Report that there is a balance due to Christopher Keyes on his Contract for regulating 7th Street of $7983,41/100 as the circumstances attending this application are similar to those of the one last mentioned, they also recommend a payment to him of $5000, on Account, and offer the following Resolution.

Resolved The Comptroller draw Warrants in favour of the above named persons for the sums mentioned in this Report Viz[t] Thomas Cummings $3981,97/100 R Pettigrew $9000, & C Keyes $5000, to be charged respectively to the accounts above stated.

W Seaman
Benjamin M Brown
G Lee
[361] Peter J Nevius
Anthony Lamb

Which was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed thereto Viz[t]

For re-paving Barclay street from Church to Greenwich street and Shivers Parker, Thomas R Smith & Samuel Gilford were appointed Assessors.

For regulating Seventeenth Street from Third to Sixth Avenue and Abraham Bloodgood Cornelius J Roosevelt & Pine Hopkins were appointed Assessors.

For paving Asylum street from Sixth Avenue to Christopher street and David Lyon Charles Dusenbury & David Marsh Jr were Appointed Assessors.

For paving Eighth & Ninth streets from Broadway to the Sixth Avenue and John Lozier Abraham Baudoine & Jacob Baker were Appointed Assessors.

For a Well & Pump in Ninth street near the Sixth Avenue and Gideon Tucker, Everardus Warner & Gabriel Van Cotts were appointed Assessors.

[362] for a Bulkhead across Governeur Slip and John Leonard, Alpheus Sherman & Cornelius Harsen were appointed Assessors

A Letter of thanks was received from a Committee of the National Lyceum for the use of the Room in which they held their Meetings *in* was directed to be filed.

A Petition of David Goodrich to be relieved from a Fine incurred for selling Meat without Licence was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Peter Demill & others Guagers praying that the Corporation will protect their rights which they conceive affected by the State Law relative to Inspection and Guaging domestic Spirits was read and referred to the Law Committee.

Alderman Wells presented an Ordinance which was passed under the Title of "A Law to establish an Additional Pound" in the words following.

The Mayor Alderman and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened Do ordain as follows The piece of [363] ground now inclosed in the rear of the building now known as the Debtors Jail in the Park is hereby established as a Public Pound and William Carr is hereby appointed Keeper thereof

Alderman Meserole & Mr Jeremiah presented the following Resolution which was read and Laid on the Table.

Resolved that the Iron Pump in Allen near Walker street be taken out and a Wood one be put in the place thereof, those interested will not be satisfied until the Exchange is made Wood for Iron.

On Motion of Alderman Woodruff the Report of the Street Committee on widening Pine street between Nassau & William streets was called up and read in the following words.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the subject of widening Pine street from Nassau street to about One Hundred feet Southerly of William street. Respectfully Report

That they have had the subject under their careful and deliberate attention and are of the opinion that the interests of the owners of property on that Street would be greatly promoted by the measure as proposed by the Petitioners Viz[t] by taking ten feet from the [364] Lots on the Easterly side of the Street between Nassau & William Streets and about two feet six inches from the Westerly side between William street and the Store house of Saul Alley—and inasmuch as a large Majority of the owners of the property interested in the contemplated improvement are desirous to have the same carried into effect, Your Committee are induced to submit the following Resolutions.

Resolved that it is desirable for public purposes that Pine street should be widened between Nassau street and William street on the Easterly side and between William street and the Store of Saul Alley on the Westerly side, and the same is hereby ordered and directed to be done.

Resolved that the Counsel to this Board make the necessary application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment *of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment* in the said matter and that the petition for that purpose be authenticated in the usual manner during the recess of the Board.

Thomas T Woodruff
Jn[o] Rogers
John Lovett

Whereupon the Report was approved and the Resolution Adopted.

[365] Alderman Lee presented the following Resolution which was adopted

Resolved that all the unfinished business of this Common Council be referred to the next succeeding Common Council after the close of the present Session.

A Motion was made to adjourn and a Division being called the Members voted as follows.

In the Affirmative Al[d] Nevius I Brown Lamb Seaman Wells Meserole Palmer Seymour Mandeville Townsend Beadle Jeremiah Lovett Engs 14

In the Negative M[r] Recorder Al[d] Stevens Strong Lee Woodruff Bryson Arcularius Scott Rogers Dibblee Cooper 11

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

[366] The Comptroller presented the following Cash Account.

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| Balance as per Act[t] 2[d] Inst[t] | 2091.41 |
| Rec[d] for Tax of 1830 | 42.110.60 |
| " " Cleaning Streets for April | 2.707.05 |
| " " Streets | 1363.54 |
| " " Justices Courts | 394.45 |
| " " Lamps | 371.58 |
| " " Stage Licences | 338. |
| " " Arrears of Tax | 238.09 |
| " " Superior Court fees | 138.75 |
| | $49.753.47 |

61 Accounts Audited and directed to be paid

Attending Board of Supervisors Cou[r]ts & Issuing Tavern Licences from 1st Jan[y] to 10 May 1831—Inclusive

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W Bowne Mayor Board of Supervisors | | | | | | 6. |
| R Riker Recorder | Do | | | | | 2. |
| Ald Nevius | Do | $6, Courts | $36, | Licences | $12 | 54. |
| " Seymour | | | | " | | 12. |
| " Stevens | Do | $4, Courts | $56 | " | $12 | 72. |
| " Mandeville | | | | " | | 12. |
| " I Brown | Do | 6 Courts | 56 | " | 12 | 74. |
| " Bryson | | | | " | | 12. |
| " Lamb | Do | 6 Courts | 140 | " | 12 | 158. |
| " Arcularius | | | | " | | 12. |
| " Strong | Do | 2 Courts | 48 | " | 12 | 62. |
| " Townsend | | | | " | | 12. |
| " Seaman | Do | 4 Courts | 104 | " | 12 | 120. |
| " Scott | | | | " | | 12. |
| " [367] B M Brown | Do | 4. Courts | 96 | " | 12 | 112. |
| " Bedell | | | | " | | 12. |
| " Wells | Do | 4 Courts | 56 | " | 12 | 72. |
| " Rogers | | | | " | | 12. |
| " Meserole | Do | 4 | | " | 12 | 16. |
| " Jeremiah | | | | " | | 12. |
| " Marsh | Do | 4 Courts | 8 | " | 12 | 24. |
| " Dibblee | | | | " | | 12. |
| " Lee | Do | 2 Courts | 4 | " | 12 | 18. |
| " Cooper | | | | " | | 12. |
| " Palmer | Do | 6 Courts | 16 | " | 12 | 34. |
| " Lovett | | | | " | | 12. |
| " Woodruff | Do | 6 Courts | 20 | " | 12 | 38. |
| " Engs | | | | " | | 12. |
| Ja[s] Shaw Sheriff for Officers Attd[g] Courts 1 Qu[r] 1 May | | | | | | 1540.50 |
| Geo B Raymond for Officers serv[g] Subpeonas | | | | " | " | 290.62 |
| John P Roome Crier of Court Salary | | | | " | " | 75. |

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| B Robinson & W P Slason Sunday service 11th Ward 18 days each to 2d May | 54. | |
| R Smith Do 10th Ward 18 days " | 27. | |
| John Nixon Do " " " | 27. | |
| J M Bloodgood Superdt Streets Expences 1 Mo 1 May..... | 2943.71 | |
| L & T Seymour rent for Lot in Chrystie St for Engine 15. 6 Mo 1 May..... | 22.50 | |
| J Coffin Asst City Inspectr removg Nuisances 1 Mo 1 May.. | 25.63 | |
| Che Mapes Treasr Institution Deaf & Dumb 1 Qr 13 Apr balance due ..... | 192.50 | |
| Wm Allen Watchman for injury sustained in public service | 68.50 | |
| R Graves St Comm Actt McAdamizing 3d Avenue..... | 3000. | |
| R Graves Do Actt Expences Lands & Places..... | 500. | |
| [368] B McCafferty Actt of bal due reg 6th Street..... | 3500. | |
| Saml Blackwell Junr & Robt Blackwell bal due on Hell Gate Ferry ..... | 664.42 | |
| Wm Rockwell Physician City Prison 1 Qur 1 May..... | 75. | |
| B & S Demilt on Actt Public Clock City Hall..... | 1500. | |
| Jacob P Roome Super Repairs for work office Clerk Supreme Court ..... | 100. | |
| J. P. Roome for Lot of ground in Mercer St for Oil Houses | 1900. | |
| John G Gottsburger repavg Grand St fm Wooster to Laurens St ..... | 64.24 | |
| John G Gottsburger laying cross Walks 8th Ward..... | 276.45 | |
| Anthy A Jacobus return Cost Lot in Barrow St redeemed.. | 10. | |
| I Warner City Inspector 1 Qr Salary 9 May..... | 200. | |
| J P Roome Super Repairs for Repairs..... | 929. | |
| R Graves St Commr to pay ⅓ Expences India Wharf..... | 3598.33 | |
| R Graves St Commr Actt Public Reservoir & Pipes..... | 1500. | |
| R Pettigrew Actt reg 5th St fm Avenue A to Avenue C.... | 9000. | |
| Chrs Keyes Actt reg 7th St fm 1st Avenue to Avenue A... | 5000. | |
| T Cummings bal repavg 20th St fm 6th to 9th Avenue..... | 1665.54 | |
| T Cummings bal pavg 8th Avenue fm 13th to 21st St..... | 1087.76 | |
| T Cummi[n]gs bal pavg 13th St fm 3d to 5th Avenue..... | 733.13 | |
| T Cummings bal pavg 21st Street fm 8th to 9th Avenue..... | 495.44 | |
| J Fleming Amt pd Witnesses ordered by Court..... | 10. | 42.094.27 |
| | Balance | $7659.20 |

The Board then Adjourned Sine Die.

# APPENDIX A

For reference, lists are here given of the Common Council membership in the period covered by these minutes, 1784-1831. The Mayors, until 1822, were commissioned "under the Great Seal of the State," being appointed by the Governor or the State Council of Appointment; the Aldermen and Assistants elected Stephen Allen in 1822 and 1823, as well as the four last Mayors listed below. The Recorders were all appointees of the Governor or the State Council of Appointment. The Aldermen and Assistants were elected by the voters of the several wards. The number of wards increased from seven to fourteen during the period, hence the number of representatives in 1831 was exactly double that in 1784. During the whole period the two bodies continued the practice of meeting in joint session.

## MAYORS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, 1784-1831

| | |
|---|---|
| James Duane | 1784–1789 |
| Richard Varick | 1789–1801 |
| Edward Livingston | 1801–1803 |
| DeWitt Clinton | 1803–1807 |
| Marinus Willett | 1807–1808 |
| DeWitt Clinton | 1808–1810 |
| Jacob Radcliff | 1810–1811 |
| DeWitt Clinton | 1811–1815 |
| John Ferguson | 1815* |
| Jacob Radcliff | 1815–1818 |
| Cadwallader D. Colden | 1818–1821 |
| Stephen Allen | 1821–1824 |
| William Paulding | 1824–1826 |
| Philip Hone | 1826–1827 |
| William Paulding | 1827–1829 |
| Walter Bowne | 1829–1831 |

* Served for four months only, beginning March 20, 1815.

## RECORDERS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, 1784-1831

| | |
|---|---|
| Richard Varick | 1784–1789 |
| Samuel Jones | 1789–1796 |
| James Kent | 1797–1798 |
| Richard Harison | 1798–1801 |
| John B. Prevost | 1801–1804 |
| Maturin Livingston | 1804–1806 |
| Pierre C. Van Wyck | 1806–1807 |
| Maturin Livingston | 1807–1808 |
| Pierre C. Van Wyck | 1808–1810 |
| Josiah O. Hoffman | 1810–1811 |
| Pierre C. Van Wyck | 1811–1813 |
| Josiah O. Hoffman | 1813–1815 |
| Richard Riker | 1815–1819 |
| Peter Augustus Jay | 1819–1821 |
| Richard Riker | 1821–1831 |

## COMMON COUNCILMEN

| | Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|---|
| **1783–84** | | |
| South Ward | Thomas Randall | Jeremiah Wool |
| Dock Ward | William Neilson | Thomas Ten Eyck |
| East Ward | John Broome | Daniel Phœnix |
| West Ward | William W. Gilbert | Abraham Van Gelder |
| North Ward | Abraham P. Lott | Samuel Johnson |
| Montgomery Ward | Benjamin Blagge | John De Peyster |
| Out Ward | Thomas Ivers | Henry Shute |
| **1784–85** | | |
| South Ward | Jeremiah Wool | Aert Huysman |
| Dock Ward | William Neilson | Thomas Ten Eyck |
| East Ward | John Broome | Daniel Phœnix |
| West Ward | William W. Gilbert | Abraham Van Gelder |
| North Ward | Abraham P. Lott | George Janeway |
| Montgomery Ward | Benjamin Blagge | Jonathan Lawrence |
| Out Ward | Nicholas Bayard | Henry Shute |
| **1785–86** | | |
| South Ward | Jeremiah Wool | John Van Dyck |
| Dock Ward | William Neilson | Thomas Ten Eyck |
| East Ward | John Broome | Henry Will |
| West Ward | William W. Gilbert | Abraham Van Gelder |
| North Ward | Abraham P. Lott | George Janeway |
| Montgomery Ward | Benjamin Blagge | William Malcom |
| Out Ward | Nicholas Bayard | Cornelius C. Roosevelt |

1786–87

| | Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|---|
| South Ward | Jeremiah Wool | John Van Dyck |
| Dock Ward | William Neilson | Thomas Ten Eyck |
| East Ward | Thomas Hazard | John Young |
| West Ward | William W. Gilbert | Abraham Van Gelder |
| North Ward | Abraham P. Lott | George Janeway |
| Montgomery Ward | Benjamin Blagge | Tobias Van Zandt |
| Out Ward | Nicholas Bayard | Cornelius C. Roosevelt |

1787–88

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| South Ward | Jeremiah Wool | Joseph Pierson |
| Dock Ward | Peter Elting | Anthony Griffiths |
| East Ward | Thomas Hazard | James Nicholson |
| West Ward | William W. Gilbert | Abraham Van Gelder |
| North Ward | John Wylley | George Janeway |
| Montgomery Ward | Benjamin Blagge | Tobias Van Zandt |
| Out Ward | Nicholas Bayard | Cornelius C. Roosevelt |

1788–89

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| South Ward | Jeremiah Wool | Joseph Pierson |
| Dock Ward | Peter Elting | Wynant Van Zandt |
| East Ward | John Lawrence | James Nicholson |
| West Ward | William W. Gilbert | Abraham Van Gelder |
| North Ward | John Wylley | George Janeway |
| Montgomery Ward | Benjamin Blagge | Tobias Van Zandt |
| Out Ward | Nicholas Bayard | John Quackenboss |

1789–90

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| South Ward | Jeremiah Wool | John Van Dyck |
| Dock Ward | Wynant Van Zandt | Peter T. Curtenius |
| East Ward | Daniel McCormick | John Pintard |
| West Ward | Isaac Stoutenburgh | William J. Elsworth |
| North Ward | John Wylley | George Janeway |
| Montgomery Ward | Theophilus Beekman | Tobias Van Zandt |
| Out Ward | Nicholas Bayard | Stephen McCrea |

1790–91

The same as for 1789–90, except Peter T. Curtenius is succeeded by Garret Harsen as Assistant in the Dock Ward.

1791–92

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| South Ward | Jeremiah Wool | John Van Dyck |
| Dock Ward | Wynant Van Zandt | *John Pintard |
| East Ward | Peter P. Van Zandt | Nicholas Carmer |
| West Ward | Isaac Stoutenburgh | William J. Elsworth |
| North Ward | John Wylley | George Janeway |
| Montgomery Ward | Theophilus Beekman | Tobias Van Zandt |
| Out Ward | Nicholas Bayard | Stephen McCrea |

* Resigned June 25, 1792; succeeded by Garret Harsen, July 9, 1792.

1792–94

Same officers for 2 years, actually serving from Oct. 14, 1792 to Oct. 14, 1794.

| Ward | Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Gabriel Furman | Frederick Stymets |
| 2. | Wynant Van Zandt | Garret Harsen |
| 3. | Peter P. Van Zandt | Nicholas Carmer |
| 4. | Isaac Stoutenburgh | Anthony Post |
| 5. | Theophilus Beekman | *Tobias Van Zandt |
| 6. | John Campbell | George Janeway |
| 7. | Nicholas Bayard | Mangle Minthorne |

1794–95

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Gabriel Furman | Frederick Stymets |
| 2. | *Wynant Van Zandt | Garret Harsen |
| 3. | Andrew Van Tuyl | Nicholas Carmer |
| 4. | Isaac Stoutenburgh | Anthony Post |
| 5. | Theophilus Beekman | Jotham Post |
| 6. | John Campbell | George Janeway |
| 7. | Nicholas Bayard | Mangle Minthorne |

1795–96

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Gabriel Furman | †Frederick Stymets |
| 2. | Robert Lenox | Garret Harsen |
| 3. | Andrew Van Tuyl | Nicholas Carmer |
| 4. | Cornelius C. Roosevelt | Anthony Post |
| 5. | Theophilus Beekman | Jotham Post |
| 6. | John Campbell | George Janeway |
| 7. | Nicholas Bayard | Mangle Minthorne |

1796–97

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Gabriel Furman | Thomas Storm |
| 2. | Robert Lenox | Garret Harsen |
| 3. | Theophilus Beekman | Nicholas Carmer |
| 4. | Cornelius C. Roosevelt | Anthony Post |
| 5. | Jotham Post | Philip Arcularius |
| 6. | Jacob Delamontagnie | Anthony Brown |
| 7. | Nicholas Bayard | Mangle Minthorne |

1797–98

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Gabriel Furman | Thomas Storm |
| 2. | John B. Coles | Garret Harsen |
| 3. | Theophilus Beekman | Nicholas Carmer |
| 4. | Anthony Post | John Bogert |
| 5. | Jotham Post | Philip J. Arcularius |
| 6. | Jacob Delamontagnie | Anthony Brown |
| 7. | Richard Furman | Mangle Minthorne |

*Died during term; succeeded by Jotham Post, July 21, 1794.
†Died during term; succeeded by Thomas Storm, November 9, 1795.

1798–99

| Ward | Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Gabriel Furman | Thomas Storm |
| 2. | John B. Coles | William Bayard |
| 3. | Theophilus Beekman | Nicholas Carmer |
| 4. | John Bogert | George Lindsay |
| 5. | Jotham Post | Philip J. Arcularius |
| 6. | Jacob Delamontagnie | Anthony Brown |
| 7. | Richard Furman | Mangle Minthorne |

1799–1800

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | John B. Coles | John Nitchie |
| 2. | Robert Lenox | Philip Ten Eyck |
| 3. | Selah Strong | Philip Brasher |
| 4. | John Bogert | Nicholas Carmer |
| 5. | Jotham Post | Philip J. Arcularius |
| 6. | Jacob Delamontagnie | John Crolius |
| 7. | Richard Furman | Mangle Minthorne |

1800–01

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | John B. Coles | John Nitchie |
| 2. | Robert Lenox | Philip Ten Eyck |
| 3. | Selah Strong | Philip Brasher |
| 4. | John Bogert | Nicholas Carmer |
| 5. | Jotham Post | John P. Ritter |
| 6. | Joshua Barker | Henry Verveelen |
| 7. | Mangle Minthorne | Jacob J. Arden |

1801–02

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | John B. Coles | John Nitchie |
| 2. | Robert Lenox | Philip Ten Eyck |
| 3. | Selah Strong | Philip Brasher |
| 4. | Cornelius C. Roosevelt | Peter H. Wendover |
| 5. | James Roosevelt | John P. Ritter |
| 6. | Joshua Barker | Henry Verveelen |
| 7. | Mangle Minthorne | William W. Gilbert |

1802–03

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Wynant Van Zandt | Andrew Morris |
| 2. | John Oothout | Caleb S. Riggs |
| 3. | Philip Brasher | Ebenezer S. Stevens |
| 4. | John Bogert | Jacob Le Roy |
| 5. | John P. Ritter | Robert Bogardus |
| 6. | Joshua Barker | Clarkson Crolius |
| 7. | Mangle Minthorne | Henry Brevoort |

1803–04

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Wynant Van Zandt | Andrew Morris |
| 2. | Philip Brasher | Caleb S. Riggs |
| 3. | John Bogert | Jacob Le Roy |
| 4. | John P. Ritter | Robert Bogardus |

1803-04—(*Continued*)

| Ward | Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|---|
| 5. | Jacob Delamontagnie | Joseph Board |
| 6. | George Janeway | Clarkson Crolius |
| 7. | Mangle Minthorne | John Beekman |
| 8. | Jacob Morton | Whitehead Fish |
| 9. | Jacob Harsen | James Striker |
| | 1804-05 | |
| 1. | Wynant Van Zandt | Andrew Morris |
| 2. | Philip Brasher | Samuel M. Hopkins |
| 3. | James Fairlie | Simon Van Antwerp |
| 4. | James Drake | Abraham Bloodgood |
| 5. | Jacob Delamontagnie | Joseph Board |
| 6. | George Janeway | Clarkson Crolius |
| 7. | Mangle Minthorne | Jacob Mott |
| 8. | William W. Gilbert | George J. Warner |
| 9. | Abraham King | Jacob Shute |
| | 1805-06 | |
| 1. | Wynant Van Zandt | Andrew Morris |
| 2. | Elias Nexsen | Samuel M. Hopkins |
| 3. | James Fairlie | Simon Van Antwerp |
| 4. | James Drake | Adrian Hegeman |
| 5. | Jacob Delamontagnie | Joseph Board |
| 6. | Caleb Pell | John D. Miller |
| 7. | Jacob Mott | Samuel Torbert |
| 8. | Thurston Wood | Gilbert Coutant |
| 9. | Abraham King | Jacob Shute |
| | 1806-07 | |
| 1. | Wynant Van Zandt | Andrew Morris |
| 2. | Selah Strong | John W. Mulligan |
| 3. | Jacob Leroy | Benjamin Haight |
| 4. | John P. Ritter | Robert Bogardus |
| 5. | Roger Strong | Thomas Demarest |
| 6. | John D. Miller | Stephen Ludlam |
| 7. | Jacob Mott | Samuel Torbert |
| 8. | Thurston Wood | John Hopper, Jr. |
| 9. | Nicholas Fish | Gerard Depeyster |
| | 1807-08 | |
| 1. | Peter Mesier | John Slidell |
| 2. | Samuel M. Hopkins | John W. Mulligan |
| 3. | Abraham King | Simon Van Antwerp |
| 4. | James Drake | Abraham Bloodgood |
| 5. | John Bingham | Thomas J. Campbell |
| 6. | John D. Miller | Stephen Ludlam |
| 7. | Jacob Mott | Samuel Torbert |
| 8. | Thurston Wood | Jasper Ward |
| 9. | Nicholas Fish | Samuel Kip |

1808–09

| Ward | Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Peter Mesier | John Slidell |
| 2. | Samuel M. Hopkins | John W. Mulligan |
| 3. | Charles Dickinson | Benjamin Haight |
| 4. | James Drake | Adrian Hegeman |
| 5. | John Bingham | Thomas J. Campbell |
| 6. | John D. Miller | Isaac S. Douglas |
| 7. | Jacob Mott | Samuel Torbert |
| 8. | Thurston Wood | Jasper Ward |
| 9. | Nicholas Fish | Abram Hooghland |
| 10. | Mangle Minthorne | John Drake |

1809–10

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Peter Mesier | Samuel Jones, Jr. |
| 2. | Thomas Carpenter | Peter Hawes |
| 3. | Charles Dickinson | Augustine H. Lawrence |
| 4. | James Roosevelt | Robert Bogardus |
| 5. | John Bingham | William Hoghland |
| 6. | William Torrey | Isaac S. Douglass |
| 7. | Charles Dickinson | Thomas Timpson |
| 8. | Joseph Watkins | Edmund Kirby |
| 9. | Nicholas Fish | William Hardenbrook |
| 10. | Mangle Minthorne | John Palmer |

1810–11

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Peter Mesier | Samuel Jones, Jr. |
| 2. | Thomas Carpenter | Peter Hawes |
| 3. | Charles Dickinson | Augustine H. Lawrence |
| 4. | Richard Cunningham | Elisha W. King |
| 5. | William Hoghland | John Morss |
| 6. | William Torrey | Isaac S. Douglass |
| 7. | George Buckmaster | Michael M. Titus |
| 8. | Caleb Pell | William Welling |
| 9. | Nicholas Fish | William A. Hardenbrook |
| 10. | John Pell | Abraham Van Gelder |

1811–12

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Peter Mesier | Samuel Jones, Jr. |
| 2. | Thomas Carpenter | Peter Hawes |
| 3. | Charles Dickinson | Augustine H. Lawrence |
| 4. | Richard Cunningham | Elisha W. King |
| 5. | John Morss | George Wilson |
| 6. | Isaac S. Douglass | Josiah Hedden |
| 7. | George Buckmaster | Michael M. Titus |
| 8. | Peter H. Wendover | William J. Waldron |
| 9. | Nicholas Fish | William A. Hardenbrook |
| 10. | John Pell | John Drake |

1812-13

| Ward | Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Peter Mesier | John Nitchie |
| 2. | John Vanderbilt, Jr. | Joseph W. Brackett |
| 3. | Charles Dickinson | Augustine H. Lawrence |
| 4. | Richard Cunningham | Elisha W. King |
| 5. | John Morss | Thomas R. Smith |
| 6. | Isaac S. Douglass | Josiah Hedden |
| 7. | George Buckmaster | Asa Mann |
| 8. | Peter H. Wendover | William J. Waldron |
| 9. | Nicholas Fish | William A. Hardenbrook |
| 10. | John Pell | James Palmer |

1813-14

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Peter Mesier | John Nitchie |
| 2. | Jonas Mapes | Joseph W. Brackett |
| 3. | Charles Dickinson | Augustine H. Lawrence |
| 4. | Peter McCartee | Elisha W. King |
| 5. | Thomas R. Smith | Gideon Tucker |
| 6. | Jonathan Lawrence | Mott Cannon |
| 7. | George Buckmaster | Asa Mann |
| 8. | Peter H. Wendover | Arthur Burtis |
| 9. | Nicholas Fish | William A. Hardenbrook |
| 10. | Reuben Munson | Noah Brown |

1814-15

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Peter Mesier | Samuel Jones, Jr. |
| 2. | Jonas Mapes | Jacob Lorillard |
| 3. | Augustine H. Lawrence | Anthony L. Underhill |
| 4. | Peter McCartee | Elisha W. King |
| 5. | Thomas R. Smith | Gideon Tucker |
| 6. | Isaac S. Douglass | Daniel E. Tylee |
| 7. | George Buckmaster | Asa Mann |
| 8. | William Few | Arthur Burtis |
| 9. | Nicholas Fish | William A. Hardenbrook |
| 10. | Reuben Munson | Noah Brown |

1815-16

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | John B. Coles | Samuel Jones, Jr. |
| 2. | Jonas Mapes | Jacob Lorillard |
| 3. | Augustine H. Lawrence | Anthony L. Underhill |
| 4. | Peter McCartee | Elisha W. King |
| 5. | Thomas R. Smith | Gideon Tucker |
| 6. | William Coulthard | Daniel E. Tylee |
| 7. | George Buckmaster | Asa Mann |
| 8. | William Few | Arthur Burtis |
| 9. | Nicholas Fish | John H. Talman |
| 10. | Reuben Munson | Thomas Cooper |

1816–17

(elected in April)

| Ward | Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | John B. Coles | Peter A. Jay |
| 2. | Jonas Mapes | Jacob Lorillard |
| 3. | Augustine H. Lawrence | Anthony L. Underhill |
| 4. | Peter Conrey | John Brown |
| 5. | Thomas R. Smith | William Stone |
| 6. | William AlBurtis | Robert McQueen |
| 7. | George Buckmaster | Samuel Ackerly |
| 8. | Arthur Burtis | George B. Thorp |
| 9. | Nicholas Fish | John H. Tallman |
| 10. | Reuben Munson | Thomas Cooper |

1817–18

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | John B. Coles | Samuel Jones, Jr. |
| 2. | Joseph W. Brackett | Samuel Stevens |
| 3. | Anthony L. Underhill | Leonard Kip |
| 4. | Eldad Holmes | William F. Van Amringe |
| 5. | Thomas R. Smith | William Stone |
| 6. | Robert McQueen | John Remmey |
| 7. | George Buckmaster | Samuel Ackerly |
| 8. | Arthur Burtis | Jacob B. Taylor |
| 9. | George B. Thorp | Effingham Schieffelin |
| 10. | Reuben Munson | Stephen Allen |

1818–19

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Peter Mesier | Thomas Bolton |
| 2. | Elisha W. King | Samuel Stevens |
| 3. | Anthony L. Underhill | Leonard Kip |
| 4. | William F. Van Amringe | John P. Anthony |
| 5. | John Morss | John J. Westervelt |
| 6. | Robert McQueen | Shivers Parker |
| 7. | George Buckmaster | Samuel Ackerly |
| 8. | Jacob B. Taylor | David Board |
| 9. | George B. Thorp | Effingham Schieffelin |
| 10. | Reuben Munson | Stephen Allen |

1819–20

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | John Hone | Thomas Bolton |
| 2. | Elisha W. King | Samuel Stevens |
| 3. | Leonard Kip | Harmanus Tallman |
| 4. | John P. Anthony | Benjamin Crane |
| 5. | John Morss | John J. Westervelt |
| 6. | Robert McQueen | Shivers Parker |
| 7. | Asa Mann | Stephen P. Brittan |
| 8. | Jacob B. Taylor | David Board |
| 9. | George B. Thorp | William A. Davis |
| 10. | Stephen Allen | Judah Hammond |

1820–21

| Ward | Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Samuel Tooker | Thomas Bolton |
| 2. | Thomas S. Townsend | Abraham Valentine |
| 3. | Leonard Kip | Harmanus Tallman |
| 4. | John P. Anthony | Benjamin Crane |
| 5. | Robert Swartwout | Charles Town |
| 6. | Robert McQueen | Shivers Parker |
| 7. | Asa Mann | Stephen P. Brittan |
| 8. | David Board | Isaac Emmons |
| 9. | George B. Thorp | Gerard De Peyster |
| 10. | Stephen Allen | Judah Hammond |

1821–22

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Henry J. Wyckoff | Thomas Bolton |
| 2. | Thomas S. Townsend | Abraham Valentine |
| 3. | Maltby Gelston | William H. Ireland |
| 4. | John P. Anthony | Benjamin Crane |
| 5. | John Bingham | Charles Town |
| 6. | Robert McQueen | Shivers Parker |
| 7. | Asa Mann | William Thorn |
| 8. | Isaac Emmons | Francis Cooper |
| 9. | George B. Thorp | Gerard De Peyster |
| 10. | Judah Hammond | Henry Mead |

1822–23

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Henry J. Wyckoff | Thomas Bolton |
| 2. | Elam Williams | Samuel B. Harper |
| 3. | James Fairlie | William H. Ireland |
| 4. | James Hall | John D. Brown |
| 5. | William Paulding, Jr. | Lewis Ford |
| 6. | Robert McQueen | Shivers Parker |
| 7. | Asa Mann | William Thorn |
| 8. | Jacob B. Taylor | David Marsh |
| 9. | Gerard De Peyster | Nathaniel Reynolds |
| 10. | Henry Mead | David Seaman |

1823

(elected in November, 1822)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Henry J. Wyckoff | Thomas Bolton |
| 2. | Elisha W. King | Samuel St. John |
| 3. | James Fairlie | William H. Ireland |
| 4. | James Hall | Samuel Cowdrey |
| 5. | George Zabriskie | John Webb |
| 6. | Robert McQueen | Shivers Parker |
| 7. | Asa Mann | William Thorn |
| 8. | Jacob B. Taylor | David Marsh |
| 9. | Jacobus Dyckman | George S. Doughty |
| 10 | Henry Mead | George Downing |

1824

| Ward | Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Henry J. Wyckoff | Thomas Bolton |
| 2. | Elisha W. King | Samuel St. John |
| 3. | William H. Ireland | Philip Hone |
| 4. | Thaddeus Seymour | *Joseph Coles |
| 5. | George Zabriskie | William Burtsell |
| 6. | Shivers Parker | Stephen Conover |
| 7. | Asa Mann | Jameson Cox |
| 8. | Jacob B. Taylor | Thomas T. Woodruff |
| 9. | George S. Doughty | Alpheus Sherman |
| 10. | Reuben Munson | Gideon Ostrander |

1825

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Henry J. Wyckoff | Thomas Bolton |
| 2. | Elisha W. King | Samuel St. John |
| 3. | William H. Ireland | Philip Hone |
| 4. | Samuel Cowdrey | John Agnew |
| 5. | John Webb | William Burtsell |
| 6. | Matthew Reed | Josiah Hedden |
| 7. | Asa Mann | Jameson Cox |
| 8. | Jacob B. Taylor | Daniel E. Dunscomb |
| 9. | William A. Davis | Effingham Schieffelin |
| 10. | Gideon Ostrander | William P. Rathbone |

1826

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | John Y. Cebra | Thomas Bolton |
| 2. | Samuel Gilford, Jr. | William W. Mott |
| 3. | Campbell P. White | Pierre C. Van Wyck |
| 4. | John Agnew | John Hitchcock |
| 5. | Anthony Lamb | Henry Arcularius |
| 6. | Matthew Reed | John Lozier |
| 7. | Jameson Cox | William S. Coe |
| 8. | Daniel E. Dunscomb | Philip W. Engs |
| 9. | Jacob B. Taylor | John R. Peters |
| 10. | Gideon Ostrander | Abraham M. Valentine |
| 11. | William P. Rathbone | Lemuel Pittman |
| 12. | William A. Davis | Effingham Schieffelin |

1827

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | John Y. Cebra | Thomas Bolton |
| 2. | Samuel Gilford, Jr. | William W. Mott |
| 3. | Campbell P. White | Pierre C. Van Wyck |
| 4. | John Agnew | Isaac Brown |
| 5. | Anthony Lamb | John Shepherd, Jr. |
| 6. | John Lozier | James Lynch |
| 7. | Jameson Cox | William S. Coe |
| 8. | Stuart F. Randolph | Thomas T. Woodruff |

* Died during term; succeeded by Samuel Cowdrey, elected February 27, 1824.

1827—(*Continued*)

| Ward | Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|---|
| 9. | Jacob B. Taylor | John R. Peters |
| 10. | Gideon Ostrander | Abraham M. Valentine |
| 11. | Lemuel Pittman | Jeremiah Dodge |
| 12. | Effingham Schieffelin | Henry Storms |

1828

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Edmund Smith | Thomas Bolton |
| 2. | William W. Mott | Jacob Wyckoff |
| 3. | William H. Ireland | Samuel Stevens |
| 4. | John P. Anthony | Isaac Brown |
| 5. | Anthony Lamb | John Shepherd, Jr. |
| 6. | John Lozier | James Lynch |
| 7. | William S. Coe | William Seaman |
| 8. | Stuart F. Randolph | John F. Sibell |
| 9. | John R. Peters | Isaac Amerman |
| 10. | Gideon Ostrander | Bernard J. Meserole |
| 11. | Lemuel Pittman | Henry B. Bolster |
| 12. | Effingham Schieffelin | Henry Storms |
| 13. | Abraham M. Valentine | James Palmer |
| 14. | Thomas T. Woodruff | William J. Macneven |

1829

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | John Y. Cebra | James I. Roosevelt, Jr. |
| 2. | William W. Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| 3. | Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| 4. | Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| 5. | David Rogers | Henry Arcularius |
| 6. | John Lozier | George D. Strong |
| 7. | William S. Coe | William Seaman |
| 8. | Benjamin M. Brown | William W. Cowan |
| 9. | John R. Peters | James N. Wells |
| 10. | Bernard J. Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| 11. | Jeremiah Dodge | Peter Pinckney |
| 12. | Gideon Lee | Peter Cooper |
| 13. | James Palmer | John Lovett |
| 14. | Thomas T. Woodruff | Philip W. Engs |

1830–31*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Peter J. Nevius | James I. Roosevelt, Jr. |
| 2. | William W. Mott | Jonathan Seymour |
| 3. | Samuel Stevens | William Mandeville |
| 4. | Isaac Brown | David Bryson |
| 5. | †David Rogers | Henry Arcularius |
| 6. | George D. Strong | Peter S. Townsend |

* Actually serving from Jan. 6, 1830, until May 10, 1831, when, under an amended charter, the aldermen and assistants began to sit as separate councils.

† Because of his prolonged absence in the West Indies, David Rogers was succeeded on July 14, 1830, by Anthony Lamb.

1830–31*—(*Continued*)

| Ward | Aldermen | Assistants |
|---|---|---|
| 7. | William Seaman | William Scott |
| 8. | Benjamin M. Brown | Joseph W. Beadel |
| 9. | James N. Wells | John Rogers |
| 10. | Bernard J. Meserole | Thomas Jeremiah |
| 11. | David Marsh | Fyler Dibblee |
| 12. | Gideon Lee | Peter Cooper |
| 13. | James Palmer | John Lovett |
| 14. | Thomas T. Woodruff | Philip W. Engs |

* Actually serving from Jan. 6, 1830, until May 10, 1831, when, under an amended charter, the aldermen and assistants began to sit as separate councils.

# APPENDIX B

A new office, that of City Inspector, an outgrowth of the existence of small pox and yellow fever scourges in the previous decade, was created March 19, 1804. It was the duty of this official "to ascertain either by information from the Inspectors of Lots already appointed or from his own view or both and to determine upon the best mode of correcting the several nuisances reported or to be reported by the Inspectors of Lots and to prepare and present to this board from time to time and without delay the drafts of Ordinances necessary to remove or correct such nuisances in the most expeditious and useful manner having regard to the future health of the City."*

At first these nuisances were indicated by number, but beginning May 9, 1814,† Jacob Morton, the incumbent of the office, reported the names and addresses of the owners of the property where the nuisances existed. A later practice was to give the names of both owner and occupant.‡ Some twenty thousand different names appear in these reports from 1814 to 1831, and many problems have arisen in connection therewith. Either the officer in his written report to the Common Council of the various nuisances to be corrected might spell the name of owner or occupant phonetically, or with a coat of cockneyism,§ or with utter abandon, or the scribe in copying such report into the record book might blunder, or, indeed, the double error might occur. The Editor felt that every possible assistance should be given the reader to identify a name that was misspelled so badly as not to be recognized readily. There were some names, however, that seemed impossible of solution, and, without doubt, there are some which did not come under suspicion. Whenever any editing is done the clerk's spelling is always retained in italics.

A number of the original reports of the City Inspector evaded all search until after press work had been completed, and the following changes in vols. VII-XI should be noted, now that the documents have been discovered:

* See vol. III, p. 477.
† See vol. VII, pp. 751-2.
‡ See vol. VIII, p. 119.
§ Mrs Andrewhand proved to be Mrs. Hanrahan, vol. XII, p. 233.

Vol. VII.

**Page 751, third name: Adam *Bagh* [Bergh]**

Vol. VIII.

**Page 58, second name: Abijah *Orden* [Arden]**
**58, eighth name: Michael *Dugan* [Dignow]**
83, tenth name: John *Lawrence* [Lowerree]
168, eleventh name: Chrystopher *Groyer* [Gwyer]
175, second name: *James* [Jane] Adams
175, third name: Francis *McRowan* [McKown]
192, second name: John *Little* [Sutter]
214, eleventh name: Wm *Cowdrey* [Gowdy]
214, thirty-second name: John *Tizelman* [Zizelman]
221, sixth name: Robert *McCornel* [McConnel]
221, eighth name: John *Sagear* [Lagear]
222, third name: Wm F *Pratt* [Piatt]
222, sixth name: John *Sagear* [Lagear]
222, tenth name: Thos *Kirk* [Kinch]
222, fourteenth name: Thos *Hening* [Herring]
258, third name: Mary *Brown* [Brower]
267, ninth name: Anna *Livingston* [Linningham]
267, fifteenth name: Edward *M Grimes* [McGinnis]
314, twenty-ninth name: John *Vorden* [Van Orden]
335, nineteenth name: Benjn *Diby* [Dibbs]
351, twentieth name: Thos *Stoughtenburgh* [Stoughton Esq]
449, sixth name: Nath *Fink* [Finch]
470, sixth name: Joseph T *Shippee* [Slipper]
551, fifteenth name: Dr John *Lee* [See]
563, eighth name: Wm *Silevek* [Silcock]
563, tenth name: Maria *Johnson* [Hanson]
662, eighth name: John [Jay] & Peter Jay Munro
675, second name: *Sam* [Jane] Thompson
704, twentieth name: Sarah *Cave* [Carr]
705, fourth name: *T Felton* [J Foster]
713, fifteenth name: Daniel Brooks & Mary *Stanton* [Hanton]
714, ninth name: Peter *Gary* [Crary]
737, No. 11. Stephen P. *Brillon* [Brittan]
738, No. 34. Benjn *Joseph* [Jesup]
746, No. 18. F *Reades* [Rhodes]
760, No. 5. David *Logan* [Lyons]
Jno E Parke[r]

Vol. IX.

13, No. 4. Joseph *Flood* [Hood]
13, No. 13. Jno *Kemp* [Kent]
26, No. 24. F. W. *Dusenberry* [Dannenberg]
56, No. 24. *Mrs M. Burtsell* [J Edgar]
89, No. 13. J. *Brown* [Brower]
90, No. 37. A. *Brown* [Brower]
110, No. 65. Jacob *Kirk* [Rich]
137, No. 3. H. *Rollins* [Robbins]

Page 245, seventh name: Ernest *Keyson* [Keyser]
397, seventh name: Mr. *Denham* [Desnoues]
427, second name: A. B. *Conk* [Blonk]
605, thirteenth name: Z. *Diswold* [Griswold]

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79, No. 17. *Henckman* [Hinchman] & Watson
179, No. 1. [Sullivan & McCune Occ.]
183, No. 10. *Mrs. Allen* [Jno Carey]
424, No. 8. *144* [104] Chrystie
437, No. 9. Stephen *Gouim* [Gorham]
505, No. 23. [F. Marsh Occupt]
623, No. 11. *R. B. Pell* [R. P. Bell]
278, No. 7. Jno *McGuiston* [McGaviston]

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426, No. 86. P *Schuler* [Schuyler]
427, No. 94. E *Framer* [Traner]
457, No. 51. *H McDonald* [C. Osborn]
457, No. 52. H *McDougall* [McDonald]
471, No. 17. J *Pierpoint* [J. Ogden]
529, [42—J Hardcastle Occupt—8 Cherry St do]
547, *No 2. James Oakley* [No 3. John Bedient]
599, No. 5. *Woodhue* [Woodhull] & Smith

# APPENDIX C

In Volume I, Introduction, p. XIV, it is explained that the activities of the first Common Council of the City of New York subsequent to the Revolution actually began December 26, 1783, although there are no minutes extant previous to February 10, 1784. Additional data concerning such activities the Editor recently discovered in the opening pages of *Journal A, 1783 to 1794, Chamberlain's Office,** and such are printed here in order to make the record as complete as possible. Among other things revealed by these accounts is the fact that the Common Council elected Thomas Randall (not John Broome†) to preside at the first meeting. At the subsequent meetings John Broome, Abraham P. Lott, William W. Gilbert, and Benjamin Blagge were elected successively to preside. The members were thus following to the letter the instructions given them by the Council appointed by the Legislature "to provide for the temporary government of the southern parts of the State," namely: "The said Aldermen and Assistants shall, at their several meetings, elect, from among themselves, a person to preside at such meetings."‡

New York December 23rd 1783

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|---|---|---|
| **City Cash** .....Dr | | |
| To House Rent Account for Cash received of Alderman Blagg for the Rent of a House at Peck Slip in Possession of J. Aspinall..... | 8: 6: 8 | |
| To Account of Materials of Houses Left by the British for 1 Small House between Burling Slip & fly Market sold at Auction to Adolph Waldron..... | 4:11 | 12:17: 8 |

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| **Poor House** in the City of New York.....Dr | | |
| To Cash Advanced to the Corporation for to Purchase Necessaries of Wood and Candles by a Warrant from Alderman Randall President of the Common Council dated 26th Instant..... | | 50:—:— |

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| **City Watch & Lamps**.....Dr | | |
| To City Cash for a Warrant in favour of R. Skaats dated this day for the Use of the Watch House..... | | 8:—:— |

* Office of Comptroller, Record Room.
† Vol. I, Introd., p. XIV.
‡ *New York Independent Gazette*, Dec. 20, 1783.

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**Powder Magazine** ..... Dr
To Cash paid for 2 Locks & fitting on to Wm Hardenbrook by a Warrant from Alderman Broome President of the Council dated this day ..... 2: 6:—

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**City Watch & Lamps** ..... Dr
To Cash paid a Warrant to Ryneer Skaats dated 9 inst Signed by Abm P. Lott. Esqr President for to purchase Wood & candles for the Watch ..... 10:—:—

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**City Cash** ..... Dr
To Account of Materials of Houses Left by the British for the Materials of a House Sold Thomas Sanders at Burling Slip.. 10:—:—

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**City of New York** ..... Dr
To Cash paid Daniel Dunscomb Junr and Chris Hutton for their Attendance at the General Election for Members of Senate & Assembly as ℔ an order from William W. Gilbert President of the Common Council. dated 21st instant ..... 20:12:—
**City of New York** ..... Dr
To Cash paid Ryneer Skaats & John Simmons their account for Attendance and Necessaries as Pr an order from Wm W. Gilbert President of the Common Council. dad 21st ..... 10: 8:—

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**Barracks**....Lower ..... Dr
To Cash paid by an order from Alderman Randall & A. P. Lott for 1 Cord of wood for the use of the Soldiers & Officers Quartered there ..... 6: 8:—

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***Cash for Excise** ..... Dr
To A. P. Lott Esqr for so much money paid into my hands for the Excise received as Pr an order of the Alderman & Common Council of the 15. Inst ..... 775:—:—

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**City of New York** ..... Dr
To City Cash for a Warrant paid Jeremiah Wool this day being for charges Attending the removal of Pickets at fort No 1.... 7: 2:—

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**City of New York** ..... Dr
To Cash paid for boards bot of Henry Elting for the repairs of the Council Chamber and Assembly Roome by Alderman Broome. paid by an order on the account by Alderman Blagg ..... 7:10:—

* See vol. I, pp. 109-10.

**Poor House** ..... Dr
To City Cash for amount of Sundries bought at Vendue as ℔ account rendered paid agreeable to a Warrant of the Alderman & Council dated the 13th instant ..... 42: 1: 4
To Do for Cash paid Joseph Murray as ℔ account presented, and a Warra[n]t passed 13th inst signed by Benjamin Blagg Esqr President..... 10:17: 6 52:18:10

February 4th

**City of New York**..... Dr
To City Cash for an account Paid John Arden due him 17 June 1776 having been Auditted by B. Blagg John Abeel & Stephen Terhune which was ordered for payment at a Common Council 3rd inst ..... 13:12: 9
*City Cash ..... Dr
To Cash for Excise for Monies Paid into my hands by A. P. Lott Esqr which is by an order of the Common Council of the 3rd Inst directed to be carried to acct of City Cash..... 775:—:—

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**Watch & Lamps**..... Dr
To City Cash. paid Ryner Skaats by an order of the Common Council dated the 4 Int for the use of the Watch house..... 5:—:—
**City of New York**..... Dr
To City Cash for a Warrant signed by Alderman Blagg in favour of Wm Smith for repairs of the New Goal dated 3rd inst..... 15:—:—
To Do for a Warrant signed by do in favour of Daniel Nevens Carpenter for Do and Dated 3 Inst..... 35:—:— 50:—:—

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**Watch & Lamps**..... Dr
To City Cash for a Warrant Paid Prentice Bowen for himself & Company to the 6 Int Inclusive by order from Alderman Broome and Alderman Neilson Audrs of accts..... 38:14:—

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**Watch & Lamps**..... Dr
To City Cash for a Warrant Paid Aron Gilbert Capt of the Watch for himself & Company to the 7. Inclusive as ℔ account Auditted by Alderman Broome and Alderman Neilson..... 45:12:—

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